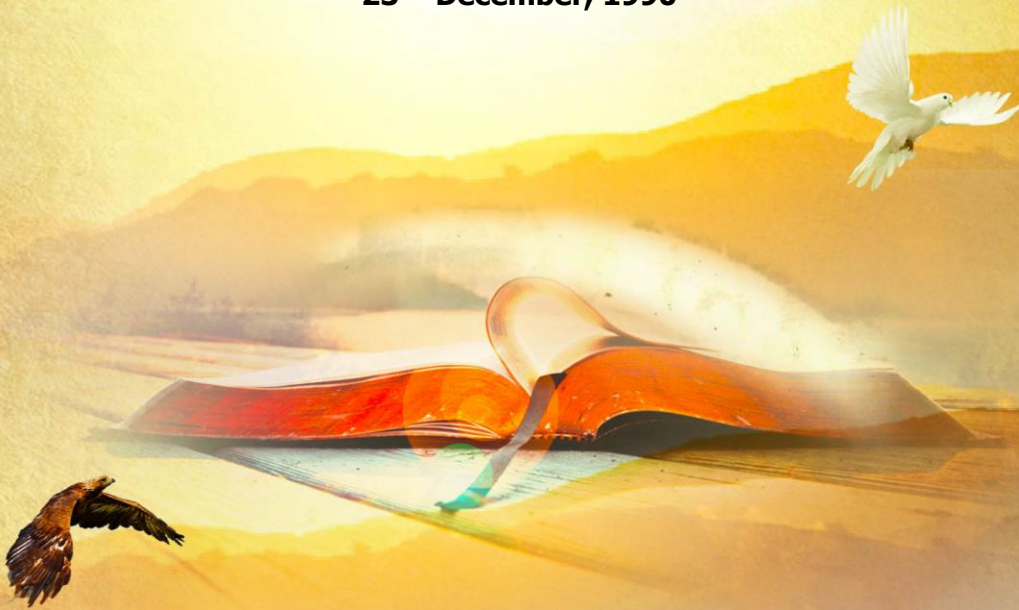

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Excerpt:

. Okay! Do you understand what I am saying? In Genesis they divided the land for gain, for merchandise, for profit and it brought a world state. In the time of Israel, David and Solomon when they came into power, what did God do? God redrew the lines. God divided the land for gain, for profit until Israel was the super power and all nations had to come and pay tribute and glory to them. Is that right? That was the golden Age of Israel right there. And in the last days, out of the fourth kingdom there is going to be one who is going to come and divide the land for gain again, for profit and for trade. **(Page 68 & 69)**

FOREWORD

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[Song #537 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Holy Ghost we welcome Thee,
Come with Power this very hour,
Holy Ghost we welcome Thee.*

Amen. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes, for a word of prayer.

Oh we are so happy this morning Lord, to know that we could bid You welcome in our midst. We could have You, the King of Glory to come amongst us. We consider it Lord, a royal privilege. These moments Lord, we cherish it, we embrace them because right now Lord, we realize that upon the face of the earth, we are so very privileged amongst the billions of people upon this planet. The Word says where two or three are gathered together in Your Name, there You are in the midst.

We've come to know that is not just a figure of speech; that is not just a good feeling Lord, but that's a reality. But what we feel is Supernatural. It's the Presence of the Living God. Even the song expresses, "*The Ancient of Days is come.*" [Song #535 - Songs That Live -Ed.] The Lord Himself had descended from Heaven. That's the Word of promise written in Your Bible, Lord.

We acknowledge and we recognize that Lord, taking place right amongst us. To You we give honor and glory, that on this Sunday morning, we could come and gather together and worship You. Receive our worship! May it be pleasing! May it be acceptable in Your sight, dear

God. Because Lord we know that all this has been made possible only because of the dying of our Lord Jesus, Whose Blood was shed to cleanse us and to make a way that we could come back into Your Presence.

We come Lord, we come with humility, we come with deepness of sincerity in our hearts. We come confessing all our sins, our shortcomings, and all our mistakes. Dear God, pleading Thy precious Blood be applied to the sins, the transgressions of every one that is standing in the Divine Presence. Father, we pray today that You would speak to us. That the great Holy Spirit would minister according to the need of everyone that are here.

We have this written request, on behalf of our Bro. Curtis Carr, his brother-in-law's newborn baby that is suffering, Lord. This unknown sickness, where he's placed in this incubator and going into fits constantly, and knowing except dear God, that the Great Physician attend to this case, these lesser physicians will just be baffled, experimenting, and don't know what to do. We thank You Lord for what medical science is—They know what they can do, Father, but we are persuaded that their experience and their knowledge is limited and their ability is insufficient. But we know with our God there is nothing impossible. Hallelujah.

Oh my God, today we plead for thy mercy and thy grace to be extended on behalf of this little infant oh God, and knowing the parents no doubt dear God, is nervous in their hearts. Lord, they are desiring that something could be done. Maybe Lord, they may have been at the end of their wits, trying to consult the best medical attention, or do what they can do, what they can afford. But Father, we are standing on their behalf today before You and we want to represent them before You Lord as You represented us at one time when we were in need.

Oh God, we pray and we ask Father, that even this experience would cause them to see and to know that You care, Father. Oh God, that this great Gospel story

about our Lord Jesus Who died for us, Who was wounded for our transgressions, Who was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we were healed. They may not fully understand that, but through this experience, it can become a reality. And I pray dear God that You would look in their direction today. Thy grace could be extended to them and their little child, and Father, You would bless that little child with healing and deliverance. He would come out of that condition and be made well for Thy glory. Grant it Lord in the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray and ask this.

And all that stand in Thy Presence, believing You and trusting You; some standing here this morning may have domestic problems, may have spiritual problems, may have social problems, may have financial problems, may have economic problems; whatever it might be this morning, You are that God Who said, You would supply our needs according to Your riches in Glory, and whatsoever we ask the Father in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, when we stand praying, believe that we have received those things which we asked for, and we can have confidence, if we ask according to Your desire, according to Your will, we'll have the petition that we desire of You. Let that Holy Spirit drop that faith in their hearts, Lord. Let them believe oh God this morning, even now as we stand in Thy Presence. May they find grace in Your sight and may the Spirit of the Living God minister unto them what they have need of.

Now knowest, dear God, Thy servant is depending upon You today, that You would grant me the Divine inspiration, that the Holy Spirit will speak through me Lord, Words of Life oh God, that would cause Your people to be prepared, to come to the Divine understanding of Your will and purpose, that we could recognize our day and our Message; that Lord God, we could know what is happening on the earth and we

could recognize the provision that You have made for us.

Oh God, may Your Word convict our hearts that would cause us dear God to so embrace this golden opportunity, and the sincerity oh God, to lay aside every weight and every sin and walk in that provided way, as the Spirit of the Living God will make these things plain unto us Lord; oh that would draw us closer to the Cross of Jesus Christ. Oh God, may You grant it Father.

Have Your way in this service. May You get honor and glory! May Thy great Presence be richly felt in every heart! Won't You do these things for us Lord? We stand as a needy people before You, and who can we turn to Lord? We look unto You this morning, committing these requests into Thy hands and thanking Thee in advance for Thy grace. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You praise and honor and glory, for we ask these things in His precious and wonderful Name, amen and amen.

God richly bless you this morning. I want to greet all of you in the precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are certainly happy to have you within our gates, especially the strangers and the visitors.

I would like to invite your attention to the Book of Genesis. If we could start in Genesis and end up in Revelation, it might do us good. We can see God's Word that He has preserved down through these years. Though there were so many different opinions that arose, that: whether the Word of God is true, whether the Bible is true, whether it is relevant for today; could we have faith in It; how do we know these things are right; who are we going to believe, what interpretation; how could we know God's will today; could we know it clearly as those ancient saints and sages who lived back in Bible times, that they had confidence in the Word of God and could we have the same confidence today, I believe we can have an even greater confidence because I believe God is the same.

And the Bible said, “When sin abound, grace much more abounds.” When there is great and so much darkness upon the face of the earth, there is so much more need for Light, amen; that God would send His Word to lighten our path that we could know what His will is.

I would like to read out of the Book of Genesis. As old as the Book of Genesis is, yet it’s so relevant. There’s nothing happening on the face of the earth today that is not in the Book of Genesis. Everything that is happening under the sun is recorded in Genesis, because *Genesis* means *the Book of beginnings*. That is why we want to look into it.

Genesis chapter 10. And I’m going to take a similar reading to what I took in my message that I preached on, *Behold The People Are One*, and they have one language, but I want to make a different emphasis, a totally different emphasis. But it will be good to take some of the same Scriptures because it is going to help us background what we have already taught and it would crystallize what we are teaching in this present time. Genesis 10, I want to read.

¹ *Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.*

² *The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.*

³ *And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.*

⁴ *And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.*

⁵ *By these were the [borders]...*

Or the coast for whatever word you have there.

...the isles of the Gentiles (the nations) divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

⁶ And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

⁷ And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

⁸ And Cush begat Nimrod...

Notice that It gives us five sons of Cush but it did not give us any history of anyone of them, but then It brings in another son, a preeminent son. The same Cush it's speaking about.

⁸ And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

He wasn't always mighty on the earth, but there was a particular time when he began to become mighty on the earth.

⁹ And he was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom...

See? He began to become great and then his kingdom had a beginning.

¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

¹¹ Out of that land went forth Asshur...

And we always take that, and explain to you that Asshur there was a mis-translation, not in the Bible but in the original. The Bible wasn't written in English. This Old Testament was written in Hebrew and Chaldee, and when they were bringing it over into English, the translators made a mis-translation, because it doesn't make any sense here. It's speaking about Nimrod. It's speaking about Nimrod's achievements, and it's speaking of how his achievements were in a particular place – in the land of Shinar. And it says:

¹¹ Out of that land...

In other words, out of the land of Shinar. When Nimrod's kingdom began to be established, if you look at that in the Bible, you would see that It is very clear in its meaning.

¹¹ Out of that land...

What land? The land of Shinar, when Nimrod's kingdom began to be established. It says:

*...went forth Asshur, and builded
Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,*

Now it would be impossible to think that Nimrod, who began to become mighty, who was the first one who made war on the earth, who had an army on the earth, would allow somebody to go forth out of his own kingdom and build another kingdom just as mighty, in the same land right next to him. And then it also says:

*¹² And Resen between Nineveh and
Calah: the same is a great city.*

And it never said anything about Nimrod, that what he built was great. So it doesn't make any sense because Nimrod was the one who ruled the earth. So *Asshur* is really a word in the Chaldee that means to *make strong*. So how it should read is that,

*[In] the beginning of his kingdom... (Verse
10) was Babel, and Erech...*

He's talking about Nimrod.

*...Accad, and Calneh, in the land of
Shinar.*

*¹¹ Out of that land (he went forth, when
he had been made strong) and builded
Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,*

In other words, the man began to build a kingdom. It started with Babel. He strengthened himself and when he became strong, then he went forth to further conquest.

¹³ And Mizraim...

Well I just want to drop down a little bit from that. Maybe I should read it.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Ananim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came [the Philistines]...

Now do you see how the Bible is? The Bible doesn't explain much things. It's calling some people's names here, we don't even know who they are. We may not even be able to trace that, but the Bible says right there, out of them came forth the Philistines. And all you have to do is read in the Book of Samuel, and there is a whole lot of Philistines. David was fighting the Philistines. He was making war with the Philistines. The Philistines had great knowledge in steel and these things. They had great armies. They had giants among them and these things.

15 And Canaan begat Sidon...

Now you have to look back to verse 6 to know who Canaan was. Canaan was one of the sons of Ham. Notice that! It was giving us Cush's sons but now It's giving us Canaan's sons, because Canaan's sons also had great achievements. They also became great nations.

15 And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,

16 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,

17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

All you have to do is read the Book of Joshua. And when Israel went in that land, all those Canaanites and Jebusites, and all those different 'ites' back there, they were the people who came out of Canaan. Well *that* was the land of Canaan and the Canaanites. And when Israel went in there, those people had cities, those people had villages, those people had great architecture,

those people had great towers, those people had great fortified cities. So they had great science, they had great agriculture, they had a great economy. Do you understand that? Alright.

¹⁹ And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza...

And remember, when Israel was going in that land of the Canaanites, what did Moses tell them? “Don’t worship like them. Don’t commit the lewd acts that they used to commit with animals and all kinds of different forms of worship, and their orgies and all their different types of sensual rights and these things.” In other words, these people had all kinds of, you know, the type of sciences that they brought up. All the sexology and all their different forms of worship and all the ancient business that they had; the Occult sciences, and the astrology and fortune telling. So they were a learned people.

¹⁹ And [their borders] was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah...

And we know what kind of people Sodom and Gomorrah was. And there was a very rich place. That’s why Lot went towards there. But as rich as they were, they were perverted. And if you want to know what Sodom and Gomorrah was like, look at the world today, because it is another Sodom and Gomorrah. Sex industry, all kinds of different pleasures, entertainment, the arts, strong economy, all these different things, but perverted.

...Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

²⁰ These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

²¹ Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born.

Japheth was the firstborn.

22 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.

And though it gives all these sons of Shem. And the children of Aram, the Holy Spirit picks up a particular son of Shem. It didn't take Elam. It didn't take Asshur. It took Arphaxad. And verse 24 says:

24 And Arphaxad begat Salah...

You see that is why so many of those things, people don't know what is back there. Because the Holy Spirit just put the genealogy and put one thing right there and it sealed it up. You can't know it unless it's open. But we want to kind of open it a little bit. And It said:

22 The children of Shem...

Okay, verse 24:

And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided...

And the Spirit tells us something about Peleg in relation to something happening on the earth in his time. It says, "In his day the earth was divided."

...and his brother's name was Joktan.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

27 And Hodoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan.

So this other son, he had a great nation too, because the Spirit saw it fit to put all his genealogy.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.

31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

And look at this verse here, how wonderful it is.

32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

Let us pray.

Our gracious Father, may You help us this morning Lord. May we not be lengthy and may it not be long and drawn out, but may the Spirit put the people's minds in the channel. May You take away whatever tiredness and weariness that might want to come Lord. May You keep them fresh under the anointing. Give them the grace to concentrate and to pull with faith that the Spirit could work Supernaturally, revealing the anointed Word, and may the same Anointing be both on speaker and hearer. And may we be caught up in the realm of Divine revelation, like John was in the Isle of Patmos, when he came in the Spirit; and may it create faith, and give understanding to us Lord, that we might be prepared and know the Hour that we are living in.

Grant these things we pray, that even both stranger, visitor, believer, learned and unlearned could come into a great awareness and be brought into the knowledge of the Lord, even here this morning. We know that what we ask, could only be done by Your Supernatural grace. So may that grace be preeminent, for unto that grace we do submit our body, spirit and soul this morning, in the Name of Jesus Christ, as we ask these blessing, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Now my time is very precious to me this morning and I cannot be long and I hope to finish. And I know we have some strangers and visitors and we really appreciate them all, some friends of Bro. Rojas, the Barneveld's here, and may God richly bless them, and may they feel really

welcome in the house of God today. And I know that, you know, we have other strangers and visitors also, and may God bless them also.

I would just like to go quickly into a little inspiration in my heart, as I continue on Daniel chapter 9 this morning, and I'm trying to get 'that prince who shall come'. And last week I kind of brought it on a little flip side to show that there's another Prince. There are two princes and the real One is here already and that covenant is in effect. He has put an end. He has caused the daily sacrifice to cease. When Jesus came the first time, He caused the daily sacrifice to cease. Some people didn't want to stop it, and they continued with it. They held on to the natural lamb, but there were some who recognized the daily sacrifice had ceased and they were identified with the Real Lamb. Amen?

And when He came again in this Day—the Real Lamb was not here until He came because they had a substitute lamb. We had a denominational lamb. We had a denominational form of worship, a substitute, just like Israel had a natural lamb, waiting for the Real Lamb to come. And it took a prophet to say, "Behold the Lamb." Is that right? And it took another Prophet in this Day to say, "Behold the Lamb of God again."

And when that Real Lamb came, many people still didn't want to realize that, but as far as God was concerned, He was finished dealing with them. He made an end of that daily sacrifice – that denominational lamb. Is that right? He caused it to cease – that oblation and that sacrifice. From henceforth, the Father seeketh such that would worship Him in Spirit and Truth. It was no longer in that mountain or in Jerusalem. Is that right? He was seeking true worshippers. Amen.

And here today, since that daily sacrifice has ceased, He has set up another worship. He now, has set up Himself as God, the only True God. Do you understand what I'm saying? That is exactly what that false prince

is going to come and do, but he has already been beaten to it. The Real Prince is here. The real worship is set up. We know who the True God is. Amen. Hallelujah. He is forgiving sins in the temple. Hallelujah! Glory!

And brother, He has brought us peace, the real kind of peace – peace through His Word, not flatteries. He took the Kingdom in battle. Amen. Hallelujah. But a scriptural war changed our lives. He cast down that Dragon. Amen. He cast down that enemy that held us in captivity. Hallelujah. Now our mind is just filled with His goodness. His Word, we meditate on It day and night. He's the One we are thinking of. He's our Head.

It just goes on and on and on to show that Satan is just an impersonator. All he does is impersonate. Whatever God is doing, whatever God said He would do, and whatever Satan is trying to do, is only copying what God has already done, is doing and will do for His people. Amen.

This morning I want to take a little title, **“DIVIDING THE LAND FOR GAIN.”** It is kind of strange but as we build upon it, you're going to see what I'm trying to bring to you. The earth is being divided up into trading blocs today. And we have entered into what is called 'the Post Cold War' era. The two super powers no longer dominate the world. What is happening in the world is, they are foreseeing a time of economic integration, a time of economic prosperity on the horizon. They are looking forth for the warm rays of that economic sun to rise to bring prosperity in the nations.

The Third World is believing that they going to have free markets now, the dictatorships are going, democracies are coming in everywhere and people have freedom of expression. All who were being strangled way up in the Baltic States that Russia had under their control because of Perestroika and Glasnost, they are openly having a great time. They are expressing their liberty and their freedom of speech. They are expressing

their own views. They no longer fear political suppression.

They know that the media is going to give great support to their cause. And the electronic media wires the whole world together. People in the Western world could look way up there through the media and give support to them. They could voice their support. They could condemn the systems that would still try to hold them under suppression. They would criticize the governments that would try to, you know, take away from the people, their rights. So they are not alone. They don't have to have the whole world in their country, but they have a global audience watching, criticizing, speaking against those things. Trade wars could be set up to pressure the nations if they don't consent to the bidding of the nations that control the resources of the world.

What is happening in the world? What is taking place? What is really going on that is causing the believer to begin to set his eyes on the Eastern skies to look for another civilization, when the world is promising an improvement, an upgrading and maybe a perfecting of this civilization? When they are saying, "Better days are coming," the believer is saying, "I want to go. I want to leave. I want to get out of here. I don't believe it. Jesus is coming soon." Amen! There's another Kingdom coming.

When it looks like the world is being more united and becoming stronger than ever; when it seems that enemies, ancient enemies, communism and capitalism and these could come and work together and shake their hands... Khrushchev is no longer here. Gorbachev [Mikhail Gorbachev -Ed.] is no longer beating his shoe on the desk, but they're embracing one another – the two super powers. The United Nations that seemed to stay back all these years and could not come forward, it seem now they begin to flout around their weight a little bit. They began to show their influence.

They began to get the co-operation, because the super powers realized that this is the kind of world the people want.

In the Third World countries, like us, they all trying to unite, to become part of this great thing that is happening, to keep up, to benefit. The politicians are preaching to us, “Better days are coming. It’s to turn around the economy. Things are going to happen.” What is happening? As the land is being divided, those economic prophets in their economic towers are looking out in the distance, in the horizon and prophesying, “Good trade winds are blowing.” Amen. “We are going to benefit. We are going to have a good time.”

The people down in those cities, oh, they are all excited. Parents begin to realize, “The chains are being taken off our necks. The whips that were lashing our backs when we were being oppressed by the taskmasters are being removed. We are going to have a good time. We are getting back our C.O.L.A. [Cost of Living Allowance. -Ed.] We are getting back our *this*. We are getting about ten percent. We are getting better communication systems. We are getting another TV channel. We are getting all these things. My, things are looking up.”

Do you believe it? [Congregation replies, “No.” -Ed.] No sir! Amen. It’s lies from the pit of hell. Amen. Because we have heard the real Voice of God in the last days. We have heard a Supernatural Voice from a Supernatural place, that could even bring the dead and say, “Lazarus, come forth out of those denominational graves.” Amen. “Wake up and recognize your Day and your Message. The Coming of the Lord is taking place already.” The Rapture, that revelation is striking hearts, is Rapturing men. Rapturing faith becomes the hunger today; not for bread and water. Amen. Rapturing faith is the hunger – faith to be changed and taken out of here. Glory.

And we see it in the making. It's happening. Oh, it staggers the imagination. But the God of all grace and comfort, the God of all peace, the God Who cares and understands; the God Who has prepared something better for them who love Him, has come down among His people; has shone Light in His Word, has opened up the Bible, has brought His Message into plain view; has been working in the hearts of elected believers that they might know the Day that they are living in; that we might begin to lift up our heads and look up, knowing our redemption draweth nigh.

It is tremendous. And yet as a believer, you tell yourself, "How could the whole world be deceived? How could they fall for this flattery? How could they fall for these lies? How could they fail to see that the world is falling apart? How could they fail to see all these systems have failed? How could they fail to see that man is becoming more and more sinful, that less and less you could trust them?" Amen.

When you see the kind of corruption in governments. When you see the kind of, brother, inventions of science to control and to deceive and these things, (sure,) when you see the types of weapons of war being brought out to devastate and destroy and kill, how could we think there is something better coming? But yet the god of this world, the Bible said, has smitten them blind; have blinded their minds that they would not see. I think we underestimate the power of that blindness. But Jesus said, if the blind lead the blind they will all fall in the ditch.

So as we look at this, this morning, **Dividing The Land For Gain**. It's being divided. It's being shifted around. The lines are being drawn in different places now. My subject is, **"A System That Is Being Set Up That Is Causing People To Trust In Uncertain Riches."**

I was dealing with uncertain riches last week. Oh, it is making people begin to feel that now we could trust

in that; now we could put our confidence in this. Oh, the system works now. We no longer have transportation problems. We no longer have communication problems. We no longer have agricultural problems. We no longer have medical problems. This system is beginning to work. There is co-operation on every side. All the sciences are working together. The economists are working together. They are thinking of the interest of the people now.

And you find the whole world began to trust now in uncertain riches. Covet not this world's vain riches that so rapidly decay. "Life does not consist of the abundance of things that you possess," Jesus said, "so you better don't labor for meat that perisheth, but labor for Meat that perisheth not, and My Meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work. Because you cannot serve God and mammon."

Oh my! The system is being set up so cunningly. We were told it was going to come. Because the people don't know their channels, the people... You see in the Word of God when that was coming, God had put in the Book of Esther, He said, "Cause her to see this and explain these things to her, that she would understand, otherwise she'll sit down in the palace and just say, 'I am the bride, I am here.'" And brother, death and destruction was being planned and prepared everywhere. As a snare it was going to come upon them. Is that right? Is that the Bible?

There was a little man named Mordecai, a prophet there, brother, he already had that revelation, laid that thing out there, and spoke it and give a direct commission, "Let the bride know these things by the grace of God." Amen. "That is going to wake her up. That is going to shake her to realization."

No wonder the Christian, the one who have loved God, who have come to the experience of the Cross of Calvary, who have come to a place where their sins have been washed away in the Blood, who have come to see

the condemnation being lifted from their life, who have seen their eyes become anointed and their understanding become enlightened so now they are no longer just living and eating and drinking and dying, but they understand what they're doing here. They know where they came from and they know where they're going. God has made them to hunger and thirst after righteousness because God showed them there is a Truth beyond religion. Oh yes, there are all kinds of religion. Oh yes, there are all kinds of religion professing Christianity. There are all kinds of hypocrisy out there, but there is a true believer somewhere. There is a True Word and there is a True God and there is a True Power that saves and heals and keep you satisfied. Amen! God doesn't lie. God doesn't give false promises. Amen.

Oh my! Look there, a couple of weeks ago, hundreds of millions of people from as far as Mexico all the way down to Argentina... Sometimes it's good, if you didn't know geography in school, it's good to take a little map sometime and see how many people that is; see how big a space that is. Sometimes when we say that, you think that is maybe fifty people somewhere in the back in La Romaine somewhere. When you begin to look and see, brother, that is a whole hemisphere, hundreds of millions of people, predominantly Roman Catholics. See? Not for five years, not for ten years but for hundreds and hundreds of years since the Spanish conquistadors went down there, (sure) and bled those nations. And then you look and you see that all of them just within this last week, they felt so happy. Oh my, they are going to have a free market.

You know the devil works in a subtle way. Now if you could imagine a little picture in your mind of maybe a man in a hot burning desert, riding through with his horse, two canteens of water, you know, nice good blankets and everything else, and then by the time he travelled for the first day, the water was finished and he

still had about four days journey to go. The horse died the next day and the vultures start to appear the next day. By the next day, the evening of that same day, he was seeing mirages and hallucinating.

What do you think would be on that man's mind? He just wants to survive. The systems, the conditions, the environment the man was in, have caused the man's mind to be channelled upon one thing – survival. The man can't think about wife and children and happiness and you know, maybe some sport he likes to enjoy or something. No. All the man is seeing is, "If I don't find water or food or something, I'm going to be eaten by those buzzards up there." The torment to see those buzzards circling and circling and they begin to get confident that they begin to come close to him. Think of it.

Then all of a sudden that man hits an oasis. Let me tell you, that man is unable to say, "Oh my, here is an oasis. I have been travelling for four or five days now and I've been really dying of thirst, dehydrated almost. It's too bad for me to really, you know, just jump in that water, so I'm going to take a little mouthful, because you know, it could kill me if I consume too much quickly." He can't do it. He lost control of all his senses a few days ago in those conditions. He has become deranged. He has become obsessed. The amount of times he even dived into that hot sand thinking it was water.

Well that's what they have done to these countries. They bled them, and bled them, and bled them, until people... When we were in Mexico there and you stand up by a traffic light (and I testified about this already) and they have this gas that they're blowing this fire out of their mouth for a little attraction. All around the people's mouth is eaten up with the gas, trying to get a little offering, a little donation. Like they're doing some entertainment for the people who stop at the traffic light. People are selling little plastic bags. From the

time your car stops, it's ten or twelve people all around the car and about twenty hands all through the windows where it could get through, trying to sell a little plastic bag or a balloon or something or the other because of their economic situation. So when you have to live like that—When they say about two percent of Mexico City's population doesn't even have toilets and don't even have running water. Thousands and thousands of people are there without that in Mexico City.

Then it makes you think then in these countries if you talk about economic aid and economic prosperity, people would just, oh it's like a savior. It's like a deliverer has come. It's like deliverance from a condition. And at that time they are all so taken up and captivated that they can be so much more easily controlled by the one who is bringing this now as a solution to their problem because he knows how bad they want it.

And that is why all these people recently because of the poverty, because of the homelessness, because of how the city stinks, because of people without education, because of the crimes, because of the cities of the world that Cain started to build back in Genesis that have magnify and multiplied and multiplied around the world until it's like almost living in hell, and then inside of there when you see those kinds of conditions coming up, you see people just running 'helter skelter' [in a hurry -Ed.] to embrace these things.

And that is where we are finding ourselves daily. Oh my! Everything is going down and this is being taken away from you, and you're being hurt here. Then you have the voices telling you "React, strike, protest, damage, pollute, destroy, hit back in some way because they've taken what you have. They are wicked. They are bad. They are mean." They are keeping you conscious to get you to fight back, and attack, and resist

and resent, and “Don’t vote for them, and don’t do that, and don’t do this,” trying to control your mind too.

And then you outside there in the economic world, and this product, and this advertisement and this over here and this voice, and “This is better than this product. Buy this here. This is cheaper,” sale here, this here, competing for your mind again. And people minds, they are trapped inside there. They don’t know what to do because there are so many influences trying to influence the human mind but they could only make one decision. It’s so much pressure that no wonder it is becoming a neurotic Age.

So after they starved them, after they broke them, after they made it predominant that the only thought in their mind is survival: food and clothing and shelter, then the lines that they could always draw what they want, they begin to divide it in a way now, to give them a benefit. And as the benefit is coming, oh it’s like a man who was trying to climb out of a slimy pit and now a rope is being handed down to him to pull him out, after he was trying to climb out for all those years. His grandfather died in poverty. He and his father grew up on the streets. His father died, sick because of malnutrition, then he was out on the streets hustling from about five years old.

Long ago in this nation, you never used to see them at that age out there in the streets, but now you see them out in the streets standing up begging. Every time the car stops by the traffic light, “Could you give me twenty-five cents? Could you give me this.” Well, we now see it coming in.

Well if you go in those Latin American countries, you go down there and see it. It’s there you are seeing it. See? Five years old and they are all around the hotels, all around the Night Clubs. By the time they become ten years old, they are seasoned criminals. They are like an alley rat. They know all the ways of the city. They’ve been in the bar rooms. They’ve been in the

clubs. They've been out there. By the time you see them reach maybe seven or eight years old, they're picking up the half of cigarettes that fell on the ground and they smoke it. When somebody pass there; when the tourist are coming in, they stand up right around there to pull from the tourists too because it's a survival situation.

And when that land begins to be divided now, to bring prosperity, do you think people are not going to embrace it? Let me tell you, they will not be able to control their passion. Like a snare the Bible said, it shall come upon the whole world – the hour of temptation, when even Christians will think it is better to go with the organization, thinking they could serve God publicly, the Prophet said. Because they've been cultured into it. They've been nursed and brought up upon it. They didn't know the educational system structured their minds to accept it when the time comes.

That's the situation here in the Book of Genesis where we find... And you know that was coming to me. I read a Scripture for you and maybe I could... Okay, just in a little while because I don't want to bring that here yet. But right here, I was thinking of that Scripture. I referred to it the other night in preaching, about how they shall divide the land for gain, out of Daniel. And this prince who shall come, how he is devouring the whole earth, how he's causing craft to prosper, how through his economic policy he's conquering all trade routes and everything else; holding the resources of the world, until he will control the world. We showed that in the Bible. The Bible prophesies that such a power is going to come, and the Book of Daniel shows us that fourth beast, that fourth nation was going to be diverse from all nations. And that last king of that fourth nation, he was the one who was going to do these great things, even exalt himself as God, even speak against God and even make war with the saints. Is that right?

My goodness, when you see what they could hold a man off the streets and charge him with in the courts and put him there and brother, he can't even have a court of appeal; he can't even get a lawyer to stand for him, then it makes you wonder sometimes. When he's ready to wage war with the saints, you can't have human help and you can't have State help. The only help you could have is Supernatural help, because they are going to try you in a court legally. They are going to bring up facts to suit them. They are going to present their case. They are going to have their lawyers there. They are going to have their own judges there. They are going to have their own prisons there; everything. What are they going to do? They have the power to take your life; to execute you or not (see?) unless Supernatural intervention doesn't take place.

And that is why the Bible said, they that know their God, will do great exploits. And that is why our God is being revealed to us now that we can know our God; and our God is not a historical God, but we are knowing that *He* that is in us, was that *He* all down through the Bible. We are knowing that our God is that only True and Living God – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of Moses, the God of Daniel and the Hebrew boys, the God of Peter and Paul and the God that was in the flesh in the Person of Jesus. Is that right? Sure.

Are you knowing your God? Then your God so loves you that when He brings those trials upon you, when He brings those conditions in your life, it is that you might know your God. Even a sinner, you don't know God yet, but God takes you through conditions that you will know your God. God will put you in situations that no friend, nobody can't help you out but God has to reach down His hand for you. Amen. *When He reached down His hand for me.* [Song #146 - Songs That Live –Ed.] Amen. Hallelujah. God makes you blind so that He could come and open your eyes. God will let you get

trapped so that He could come and deliver you, (amen) because He wants you to know your God.

He might be your God and you don't even know Him this morning, (amen) but He has come here to make Himself known unto you (amen) through His Word. To prove that it's the True God, it will always be through the Word. God doesn't leave it up to some man's imagination. God doesn't leave it up to some man's education or some man's reasoning. God doesn't leave it up to that or to some man's wishful thinking. No sir! God will raise up somebody to speak His Word and anoint that Word and God will perform what they are saying. It was interesting to me here—Let's read Genesis 11, continuing from chapter 10. In chapter 10:25, we found how Eber was born.

...unto Eber were born two sons: [one's] name was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided...

And then It said, "By these families of Noah, the sons of Noah: Ham, Shem and Japheth. Is there any other person that helped populate the earth other than those three sons? The six billion people we have, it ties right back to Ham, Shem and Japheth. Six billion people on the planet ties right back to these people who came out of the ark, because there was not any more destruction after that. God didn't destroy the world after that. Is that right? Sure. Then we know that the earth was divided. Then the Bible also said:

...and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood. (Verse 32.)

What does it mean? You know sometimes we read Scriptures and we just pass over a word. But until we begin to fellowship with the word and get the sense of the meaning—And when I read that the other day out of Daniel, something had struck me, and I came to service and I just expressed it. I said, "He will divide the land for gain. They will be drawing the map right now, and they're doing these different things and they're making

these new trading blocs.” I felt like the Scripture implied that so I spoke it. I could see it. I understand economic policy, how it’s going to come and what is happening in the world at this present time.

And especially as we were printing the book, *Return Of The Global Village*, I began to think back on these Scriptures and I struck this word here *divided* and something said, “Look it up.” And I took my Hebrew translation here, and looked at it, and inside of it that *divide* it means, it’s a Hebrew word C-A-C-H-A-R. I spelt it just in case I pronounced it wrong. It means *to profit of from the merchandise, to trade especially as a peddler, as a merchant.*

The nations were divided. It was divided for trade. It was divided that the merchants would be able to sell their goods. It didn’t just mean like divided in the sense of maybe, the earth split or just divided like that. No! The word there means *to profit from merchandise.* They say, *to trade around especially like a merchant.* In other words, the land, the earth was divided for profit, for gain, because it is to profit from merchandise. So the land was divided so they could profit from merchandise. And in the days of Peleg was when the earth was divided. Out of the division of the earth for merchandise, for profit, for trade, comes chapter 11 verse 1:

*And the whole earth was of one language,
and of one speech.*

Now you know we went through that message many times, because in Genesis 10, verse 5, verse 20 and verse 31, it shows that Japheth, Ham and Shem, all of them had their own families, all of them had their own nations, all of them had their own tongues and then all of them were divided on the earth too, for trade, for profit. Because it wasn’t just like a big family because you are going to find out Nimrod was making war and not from another planet, but it’s on the same planet. Nimrod was conquering people. And he wasn’t

conquering his own people because he had already conquered them. He was conquering other people from the other nations. So it had to be nations from Shem and it had to be from nations of Japheth who he was conquering. Is that right? Alright, it's clear.

¹ *And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.*

² *And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.*

Now we had already known who built the cities in the land of Shinar. Genesis 10, verse 10, speaks of Nimrod building all these cities in the land of Shinar. So the anonymity of the day is now revealed to us. All they were saying, "*And they.*" It wasn't saying *they* of the sons of Ham, *they* of the sons of Japheth, and *they* of the sons Shem. It wasn't saying that. It just said and *they* did so, and *they* did travel here, and *they* did that. It remained anonymous, but from the time they said:

[...and] *they found this plain in the land of Shinar; and dwelt there.*

³ *And they said to one another, [Come], let us make brick...*

In other words, they already had the technology to make bricks. Do you want to see how people make bricks? Take a tour and go to *Trinidad Aggregate Products*, or go to *Abel* [producers of local clay products -Ed.] and you're going to find out making bricks is not an easy thing. You have to have science. You have to have technology. You have to have industry. You have to have planning. You have to have factories. And the same way we in Trinidad have brick factories where they make bricks, we have hardwares where they sell them and we have transportation. Sometimes we bawl when we see the price of bricks or when we see the price of transport, when we can't even find a piece of land to erect a building.

So all you have to do is just use your imagination a little bit in the Word. See. And if they're making bricks, they are making bricks out of the same mineral that they were making it back there. They had to get their ovens and it's the same way they're making it today. It didn't change. Six thousand years or four thousand years didn't change that.

...let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly.

Why do they want to burn them thoroughly? They don't want to make a cheap brick or they don't want to make a weak brick. The building they were building was going to have a certain amount of permanence with it that they were thinking about. They were thinking about doing something that was going to stand up there. It may have cost them something more but they were going to put down something strong because what they were erecting there was going to be the center of the world.

They're going to design the brick. It's going to give the building even beauty when they designed the brick. It is going to have skilled masons to put down a certain type of brick. There are masons here and there are different types of bricks and some of the masons know, to put up a 'hacienda' [Spanish for large estate with a dwelling house -Ed.] or one of those slant forty-five, you have to be a real mason. You just can't call them masons because they're walking around with a trowel. You have to be a real mason to put up some of those. So it means to say, there are all kinds of bricks. You see. So it means to say they had to have skilled workmen. Even to work there, it took scientists to design it.

So when you are reading the Word, read it with understanding. Amen? Read it, because these are scientific people here you're talking about, otherwise we will never get the picture of what is happening today. We are looking back four thousand years thinking it's a caveman in a cave somewhere. But that was speaking

about this system that was coming right back here amongst us. I want to show you how a world state came out after the land was divided. And if the earth is being divided for gain today, what do you think is going to come out of it? Control of a world state! Satan's superman is going to come on the scene. That's why it is being divided. Notice that.

...And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

⁴ And they said, [Come], let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven...

And remember, Moses who wrote this was a great prince in Egypt and he was taught even the wisdom of the Egyptians. He had even taught those Egyptians. And Egypt had one of the greatest civilization at that time, so Moses knew about building. Moses knew about architect. Moses knew about science. Moses knew about making bricks. And when Moses was writing the Book of Genesis here, after he was delivered and called out and went on with the Pillar of Fire, how much more his knowledge that he had and experience in looking back there, he could lay this thing out, because he talked about brick, he talked about burning thoroughly and he talked about mortar. Is that right? He put all that there in that one verse. So anybody who knows that, that if today you watch science and the technology of putting up bricks and building a building, they know that is exactly what goes into it. Sure.

⁴ And they said, [Come], let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

I like that!

...the LORD came down...

Maybe they didn't believe it, maybe everybody didn't see Him, but yet the record said He came down. Maybe they were so busy with their building and dividing the earth for trade and profit and gain and everything, but the Lord had come down. I can't see today why it's so strange when we are saying, the Lord has come down? 1st Thessalonians 4 and Revelation 10, the Lord has come down. And He's not just coming down to have a party, He's not coming down to unite the world together but He came down to investigate what men were doing. Amen. He came down to get ready to destroy their program and bring their world to naught. Is that right? Yes sir!

They wanted to build a building to reach up into Heaven? As I say, you can't go into Heaven where God is because that's a next dimension. You don't go up There by brick. Amen. And you could see the tallest tree in Trinidad that you could find, it's not up in Heaven. Do you understand what I am saying? You could find the tallest tree there is in the world, it's not up in Heaven.

They wanted to link Heaven and earth together. It was a space program. They wanted to go up into Heaven by science and technology, instead of going up into Heaven by the Blood. Let me tell you today, you can't go into Heaven outside of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Amen. Yes sir! Jesus said, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life. No man can come unto the Father but by Me." He is the Tower (amen) that a righteous man runs into. Amen! He is the Gate to Heaven. Glory! Regardless of what form He's in, Prophet form or Bride form, it's still Him. Hallelujah! He's still the Life. He's still the Gate. He's still the Tower. Not she's the tower. Amen! That's the Tower a man comes into Heaven by. Yes sir.

While they were uniting the whole world, one language and one speech. As I say, God doesn't play

with words. It says, everyone had their own tongue. Then It says, they were of one language and one speech. The Bible doesn't mean—it's not mixed up. Remember, this is God's thoughts. There is no greater intelligence than God. Do you believe that? Then if there is no greater intelligence than God, and God says, tongue, language, and speech, God is not repeating Himself. God don't mean the same thing over and over. No sir. You say, "How are you so certain?" Because Genesis is a seed. It has to have something on the earth that this represents today. Language is only communication. That is all language is – communication. You have sign language. You have body language. See? You have all kinds of different languages, and communication is called the international language. The world is becoming smaller. See? Verse 6:

⁶ And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language...

But it says that in chapter 11:1. Didn't the Lord know that before? He wasn't expressing it as a discovery. He was expressing it as an achievement that they achieved. Do you get that? That is why Jehovah Witness and Seventh Day Adventist says God doesn't know everything. When God came down and said, "Adam where art thou," they said, "Well, God didn't know where Adam was because look He was asking Adam where he was." People are so carnal, I tell you; the untrained mind.

[...God] said, Behold, the people is one, and they have one language...

There's a silence between Genesis 10:32 and Genesis 11:1. Genesis 10:32 says they were all divided in the nations; the earth was divided. Genesis 11:1 says there was one language. There's a silence.

I won't go in that this morning but I could show you right there in that silence, there are four horse riders. Because in Genesis 11, Nimrod was deified as god, the man of sin over his world state. And the first horse that

went out was religious deception. They started that false religion because the whole earth had believed in one God and then they started this thing about different gods. And Shem and his sons stayed with the True God. There's no trace in no history anywhere that Shem and his sons had believed in anything other than the True God, because Abraham saw three and he said, "Lord." God had told Noah, "I will dwell in the tents of Shem." Is that right? Sure.

Then the next thing after deception was, what? War. Who took war after them? Nimrod, the red horse. Then when he began to dominate the earth, he began to extend his religion to all, so he could extend his kingdom and his influence, and his religion went into all the earth. In China they have the woman and that child. In India they have the woman and that child. In Africa they have the woman and that child. Everywhere they have that woman and that child – in Greek, in Egypt, everywhere. Is that right? And then the last horse, he gathered all of them together and death himself becomes incarnate to reign over his world.

So right in there, there are four horse riders – the conquest of Nimrod, because it's only a type of how Satan is coming to flesh – Antichrist, false prophet and peace. Is that right? And that's how he conquered again under Mystery Babylon. If he conquered that way under Mystery Babylon, he had to conquer that way under Babylon because Mystery Babylon is only the antitype of Babylon. I'm losing time so let me move on. I didn't want to go there.

[...so God] *said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do...*

In other words, now they've gathered the whole earth together, now they've divide up the world in trade zones, now they have a space program so they're linking earth and Heaven together too. Let me ask you something. Are Ham's, Shem's and Japheth's people doing anything

differently on the earth today? Aren't they trying to bring the world together in an ecumenical move? Isn't all the new trading blocs and these things so they could control the world and control trade and commerce and enforce his religion upon everybody else? Aren't they trying to link Heaven and earth? Haven't the laws already been passed, everything, for the building and the parts are being manufactured right now for the space station? Sure. Because they want to explore the universe and the next trip is to Mars that they're planning.

Friends, can't you see? If you were living in that Age and you saw that happening on the earth, what were you going to do? Were you going to defect over to Ham or you were going to stand with Shem? Hallelujah! You were going to stand with Shem where the revelation of the True God was. Amen. You were going to recognize God dwelling in the tents of Shem. Hallelujah. Because it's happening again today. Can't you look and see it? Do you see it taking place? Amen. So then we not making up that. That's the Bible. Look it's right here. And God said,

...now nothing will be [withheld] from them, which they have imagined to do.

Brother, and the imaginations of their hearts, Romans 1 says, are continually evil. And when you have the whole earth under your control, because you know with one language, people can work in a diversified amount of ways. Now news could travel around the world like that. See? At the speed of light, they could send your image and your voice. Now they don't have to send airfare and this and that and try to set up a summit.

As I was explaining to you one time, I saw this news in the States. And they had this, capital to capital, Moscow and Washington and they had them in a big auditorium and they had the whole panel of scientist and politicians from the Kremlin and they were right

there in Russia, sitting down in a place in Russia. And then they had the whole other set in Washington and they had them linked up with global satellite. And here it was morning and there it was midnight. The day was now breaking and it was about twelve hours apart, I think. And they sat there and were talking to one another, life size images on the screen and they were seeing the people right there and they were talking to them and the people were seeing them and talking back to them right there.

They even have that in video telephones right now, where you could talk and see the person. And they were asking and saying, like, "Mr. Jennings, you are the man there in charge of the steel industry. How is it you want to criticize our policy here and our export for steel? You all over there have been polluting all the rivers down there and doing these things there, and have more inflation and strikes and different things, and how is it you want to criticize our system?" And then the man from there, stands up over there and he turns around and he answers back the man. And then there were different ones. You see, they had a formal introduction. Then at the end they have their little coffee together too, so they could have their glasses and lift their glasses and say, "Okay, our Russian friends, we'll meet next time, maybe in the next couple months for another summit."

And they were right there. No psychology. They broke into something and now that they have them under their control they could set their markets up everywhere because now they are going to exercise a control like never before. Now they are going to wield a power that would cripple governments; that would bind up senators. Sure. Now they are going to shake governments and make them enact principles into law that is going to suit them because they could break them or they could make them. They could give them

the best image that they want by sending it around the world in an instant.

Why do you think there is television and prime time for now? Why do you think one little advertisement costs so much of money? Let me tell you, the most valuable commodity there is, is information. It's information. Information out of season and out of time means bankruptcy for many people. If the stock market is going to crash and you can't even get the information, earthquake hits a certain place, certain things happened, certain discoveries were made and you can't get the information, maybe to buy certain stakes and certain claims and these things, well it's bad business. If somebody is getting ready to buy up everything and monopolize all trade and everything else and you don't have any information to be able to hold a piece in the market there or something, you will have problems. This is what was happening back there, friends. They were dividing the land for gain. I'm going to shift you from here just now. Let me just finish this. So God said:

7 [Come], let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

You see, they could not understand one another's speech before until they had one language. So God is saying, "I'm going to put them right back to where they were, before they had this thing where they could begin to understand one another's speech, because language changes."

You see, when they came out of the ark... Remember, for four men and four women to come out the ark and to have nations on the whole earth, and the earth is divided up for trade, it will have to take over hundreds of years, until the whole earth becomes one language. Because when they came out the ark there was one language. It didn't have anything to say, well, they became one language. God didn't have to say, "Behold,

they've become one language." They went in the ark with one language. Do you understand what I am saying? Sure.

But over those hundreds of years, what was happening on the earth? That's what we need to find out. There was war. There was famine. There were earthquakes. There were all these different things. There were conditions, trade and commerce that caused people to polarize. People made discoveries that made them more advanced than other nations. People with greed and desire for power started to suppress the other ones who wanted their commodity. Do you understand? They weren't giving up everything free and nice, brotherly kindness. No! It was 'dog eat dog' inside there.

Then Nimrod became strong and he could conquer everybody else and wage war and ruthless war too. They had strategic positions for resources, for trade routes. You are fighting a war that is going to make you superior to your opponent. If you are only taking something that will still keep the balance of power then your war is fruitless; your exercise is unproductive. The risk is too great for no profit because you're going to go in there and lose life and everything else and it's a senseless war. So you are fighting war for gain, for superiority, for control, for power. Amen. Look!

⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they [ceased building] the city.

⁹ Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Now watch these other couple of verses now as the Spirit drops back again on Shem. From verse 21 to verse 31, we had Shem in chapter 10, but the Spirit picks it up again.

*10 These are the generations of Shem:
Shem was an hundred years old, and begat
Arphaxad two years after the flood:*

He had to be ninety-eight years when he went in the ark because it was only one hundred and fifty days or five months. Is that right? Rain fell for forty days and then there was water on the earth for five months, and then they came out of the ark. And two years after, he was one hundred years old when he had this boy and we found there were two sons before this boy. In chapter 10 verse 22, it says:

*22 The children of Shem; Elam, and
Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.*

But here now, It said, and Shem two years after the flood. So if it's two years after the flood, when were those two sons born there? They had to be twins in the year before because they sure didn't make any children in the ark. Do you understand what I'm saying? Now here God is beginning to show us something, and look at this:

*11 And Shem lived after he begat
Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat
sons and daughters.*

*12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty
years, and begat Salah:*

*13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat
Salah four hundred and three years, and
begat sons and daughters.*

*14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat
Eber:*

*15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four
hundred and three years, and begat sons
and daughters.*

*16 And Eber lived four and thirty years,
and begat Peleg:*

Now Peleg was the one, in his days the earth was divided. In other words, I could say, if a historian was writing the word, it could say, "And in the days of Leo

Haynes, the earth was being divided again,” [Bro. Vin indicates Bro. Leo Haynes –Ed.] that would be correct because in his time he’s seeing new trade blocs being set up. He’s seeing the communist wall broken down. He’s seeing the two super powers being defused. Is that right? Then what will be his days? Then we’ll find out his birth date, then we’ll find out his death if it’s history we are talking about, and we’ll know, well somewhere between that space of time, the earth was divided in that time. Amen?

Now if Shem had Arphaxad two years after the flood, then from two years he had all these different generations – from Arphaxad, Salah, and Salah had Eber, and Eber had Peleg, and if you bring that time down, (and I was looking at it) you have a period of almost a hundred and thirty-one years after the flood, and this man lived for two hundred and nine years after he had his son. His old age was two hundred and thirty nine years. So it means to say that, somewhere from 101, after the flood to 340 after the flood, somewhere inside of there, was when the earth was divided. So I’m trying to show you there was over, let us say, three hundred years before the earth was divided after the flood. And in those three hundred years, Ham’s children were becoming great, Shem’s children were becoming great and Japheth’s children were becoming great.

In other words, let’s say for instance, you bring it like Russia, America and Germany. We’ll call one Ham’s children, call one Shem’s children, (just for an example,) and call one Japheth’s children. And here after these three hundred years, here you have three mighty nations, but they all don’t have the same thing. People don’t have the same talents. So, some might have the arts, some might have the sciences and some might have different technology in war. Do you understand what I’m saying? So then that now determines who is

going to have what influence, where on the earth. Are you getting me?

I trust these things—Is it being complicated for you? All right. Now if it is, I'll try to spend a little more time on it but you see, I'm conscious of the time so I'm trying to move on. So during these three hundred years after the flood, the nations of the sons of Japheth, the nations of the sons of Ham, and the nations of the sons of Shem had filled the earth. And in that time, after those three hundred years, only one nation had believed in one God – that was Shem's children.

Now religion brings a lot of division, so it showed that the world was even divided. Do you know you can take a map and look at certain countries and say whether it's Catholic, or whether it's Islam, or whether it's Buddhism, or whether it's Christianity? Do you know that? Sure. If you go to China, you don't say Christianity. If you go to North Africa, you don't say Christianity, it's Islam. If you go in the Pacific out in the East there, Japan and those places, you don't say Christianity, it's Buddhism. Do you understand what I am saying? If you go into America and those places, you say Christian. Alright.

So watch! God does things like that. You see religion... Let me give you a little illustration. Luther rose up in Germany. God could have brought the man from anywhere and because of the reformation, the Prophet said, the political situation that was moving there in Europe and was coming across the channel and was causing strife and wars in all Europe, it couldn't—and God was vindicating that Word, it made such a move in the people's minds, they didn't have any time for all the politics out there. They were interested in getting saved and the reformation because the Spirit was doing things.

Do you know if we had some dead, formal, old gospel here, we don't know what is going on, when we get together, we'll just have forty-five minutes preaching

and then sit down and start to talk about sports and talk about this and talk about that, and talk about the world. Do you understand what I am saying? Because of the Spirit of God and the Word of God, It has our minds, even with all the economic crisis, with all the political parties, it has no influence because we are in another atmosphere that, that cannot come in and take over. Yet how many churches are polarized around politicians and trying to get a certain politician in the church, in power because their church is behind a certain political party and these things. Do you understand?

He said, "I'm just trying to show you how the world works and in there you can see when God begin to work among His people – why God deals with men, why God brings the Word, why God affects people's lives in a certain region where there are other powers and influences." If God knows this a very lewd place, immorality, homosexuals, you know, just promiscuous, then it will do God good to raise up a man with a real holiness gospel on the legalist side to knock that thing in the head. God wouldn't send a man just preaching "Grace, grace, grace," and "though you sin, everything is all right." No. That is why when they started to have four and five wives God raised up John Wesley, to knock the thing in the head and straightened it up, because they went too far on predestination saying, "What will be, will be." Do you understand what I am saying?

You see, God moves in relation to the influence. He's combating that thing, suppressing that thing; breaking that influence off His people, pulling them out, working amongst them, getting them ready, keeping them straight, bringing them into His blessings, into His Power. And that is what this church is all about. That is what we've been following. That is what we're looking for. That is what we've been drawing. That is why constantly the Holy Spirit is watching there, discerning those things, bringing those things by the Word,

showing those things, keeping the church posted, keeping the church in step, keeping the church under expectations; bringing the Word to combat those influences. That is what God is doing.

Do you remember the message on Jehoshaphat? When he began to teach the people, they had rest round about. Before they had no teaching priest, they had no law; they didn't have the Word of God among them and these things. So what did Asa and Jehoshaphat do? They began to get teaching priests. They began to get the Spirit back among the people, began to teach them and established them and strengthened them and then nobody dare attack them because they knew God was among those people.

Alright, so look. So during that time all those things were rising up on the earth. Let me just give you a little quote there, page 187, *Seven Church Ages*. The Prophet was talking here about Bel being the son of Ham, Cush being the son of Ham; how Cush was the one who started the move really, but Nimrod really established it, and he's quoting the historian, and the historian here was speaking about Cush and his many names: Bel, Hermes, Mercury and all these things.

“For many ages men lived under the government of Jove (not the Roman Jove, but Jehovah of the Hebrews who predates Roman history) without cities and without laws, and all speaking one language. But after that Mercury (Bel, Cush) interpreted the speeches of men (whence an interpreter is called Hermeneutes) the same individual distributed the nations. Then discord began.” It is seen from this that Bel or Cush, the father of Nimrod, originally was the ring leader that led the people away from the true God and encouraged the people as the “interpreter of the gods” to take another form of religion. He encouraged them to go ahead with the tower which his son actually built.

So when they were building a tower, and Shem and his people were seeing them building this tower and

they were deifying this man as God, do you think they were going to say, “Come into our land, mine our mines, take all of our materials and go and build the tower to glorify your God”? Do you think they were saying that?

They said, “No more trade.”

Nimrod said, “I need their mines. We are going to plan an attack and use force because I have to have it now.”

And then he would take it. He didn’t care whether they believe, what they believed or not. He had the military prowess and he could wage war, and he waged war and he took it. He was determined to build his city.

So when the earth was beginning to be divided, Cush was the one who began to divide it. They said, he interpreted the speeches of men. He distributed the nations, which means ‘to divide into different parts, to arrange, classify, deal out; give shape to each of a member’. How could he classify the nations? How could he deal it out? How could he give different shapes to a nation? It’s just a man.

Look this man Jacques Delors, [French economist –Ed.] the Frenchman here, devout Roman Catholic, Mr. Europe, the man—I was reading up on him last night. He is a devout Roman Catholic. He’s the one Margaret Thatcher tried to... That’s the one who melted the iron lady. She did not get melt over her own furnace, but he give the orders. Sure. Because he needed that money. He needed that pound into the new monetary system that was coming in. He’s the man who came from one central bank in all of Europe: one monetary system, one single market, one currency, one state.

And what do you think is happening? They didn’t want to do it. She didn’t want to do it, and right there she had to bow out because you cannot... He is an agent of Rome. That is the man that they’re using there to bring these nations together. And brother, they say, that man wrote a policy of how much noise your lawnmower should make within a residential area.

Some real sophisticated things like what Bro. Kenny had written concerning the Abel country there, down to every little thing. They have those thinkers. And he put that down on paper and they said one hundred and twenty-one out of two hundred and something things that were supposed to be passed, one hundred and twenty-one was passed like that and twenty-five in December gone.

So when you look and you see, these men and they begin to say, "Okay France, you are going to start to manufacture motorcars with Germany." They say, "Poland, you all are too backward so we are going to use you all as farmland. Czechoslovakia, for farmland or steel or something. And we are going to concentrate, you know, maybe on the communication network from Germany and who have the thing. And East Germany, we are going to use you to bring the medicine." And they have their market being set up.

In other words, he began to distribute the nations. He began to give them a pledge. He began to give them an identity. He began to give them a role so that Europe could become the greatest super power by 1992, with consumers of three hundred and twenty-three million people in that twelve nation state there. To shift the balance of world economic power from Japan and Germany, which have caused them to shift the lines, to redraw the lines, but it's only that they can strategically take every part of the world, that's all.

I hope that is not too far-fetched, that you can't catch that. I think you could see it. I mean how could I be preaching for three months on these things and you are still sitting down and wondering what I'm talking about. Amen.

So look! That's what this man was doing. And when his son Nimrod came, he began to build that city now to take over everything. So that is what I'm showing you, out of the nation divided for profit and gain by merchandise, what did it come out to? A world state,

with a world leader, with one religion, that everything had to bow down to.

Could you tell me what all this new lines and these new trading blocs are for? Is it just like that? What does Babylon in the Bible represent? Does it represent Mystery Babylon in the last days? Is there a Mystery Babylon here today? Is there a mystery Nimrod? Same objectives, same plan, working by the same techniques to achieve the same goal, the same purpose and it's coming the same way in the same phases that it came back there. If it is a seed in Genesis and it's planted, it must come in sequence in Revelation. It must come in order. It must evolve the same way. Are you seeing it? It's taking place. Alright.

Now I want to show you, as I said, Satan only impersonates. Now, we are going to try to go quickly here for the next fifteen minutes and close. We'll close because I have a betrothal, and I don't want to keep those two precious saints waiting, so I'm just trying to get through that quickly, because if I could get through that quickly, it would be really good for me.

Okay, now watch. Now why is trading blocs going to cripple the world? Why are the people so excited now it's coming? If you get among any economist in Trinidad, you get among the banking system in Trinidad, you get among anything that has to do with leadership at a Caribbean level—Let me say, if the public is uninformed or untutored, they wouldn't know what is happening. But the public is being informed because this plan is on the way and every effort is being made to get the people informed. And all that they are trying to do right now is to convince each another that we need to be united.

In other words, "Behold, the Caribbean people are becoming one. Behold, they are trying to speak one language." Behold, that isn't strange because all Europeans go and do the same thing. And behold all the North and South American continent does the same

thing too. And who have divided the nations? Who is the Bel of today? Who is the Cush of today? Who is that one? And is he doing it for profit or is it just an experiment? Is it for gain? Is it that they could profit by merchandise? Is a world state going to follow it, I wonder? Is it being done that people might trust in uncertain riches?

“Oh, I’m going to get my car after all. I’m going to be able to live in my split-level or my condominium. I’m going to have my resource out there. I’m going to do this now. I’m going to have my private jet to fly over here and now I would be able to travel around. I always found Trinidad was too small for me, so I’ll be able to just move through the regions now.”

Is that what we’re looking for? We are not looking for that. Any trip we are talking about is going to Heaven now. Yes sir. Brother, when you see these things coming, you know what it’s heading up to. God is doing that so that the Church will not be left without understanding. We’ll not be caught in the trap. He’s uncovering the scheme of the enemy. He’s pointing him out by the Word. He’s stripping him by the Scripture. He’s breaking the power of the enemy to tempt. He is weaning you, He’s purging you from the lust of the flesh, the pride of life and the lust of the eyes that the Beast is trying to set up his kingdom, to conform you to this world. He is transforming you by the renewing of your mind. Bringing you through the Word to show you the Hour we are living in. Oh my! How we ought to capitalize on every moment we hear that Word.

Let me tell you, these things that is being spoken will stand. Brother, it’s going to help you cross over from death to Life. Don’t be ignorant, don’t be willfully ignorant. The Bible said they perished because they were willfully ignorant. They didn’t want to learn. They want to learn a new dance, a break dance or something. They want to learn some special something that is going to make them look good out in the world out there, but

they don't want to learn the Word of God. They don't want to know what is happening. They would rather walk in darkness than Light. They would rather love the pleasure of the world. They don't really want to change their life. Amen.

Let me tell you, if you could look in God's Word and see the unchanging God Who came down there, has come down again. While the whole world, the nations of Ham and Japheth are in all their idolatry, and their three gods and these things, and all are uniting in that world state, there is some like Shem. Hallelujah! There are some spiritual Shemites, (amen,) like Abraham (brother, hallelujah,) who has a revelation of the one True God. Glory.

The Prophet said nowhere in the history, (I didn't read it but I could quote it for you,) nowhere in the history did you find any of Shem's people in that idolatry, but rather they solidly withstood it with opposition. It meant it was a dangerous time on the earth. No wonder there were maybe diplomats trying to go in and pacify the thing. Maybe they needed the same trade route. Maybe they needed the same caravans coming in.

Now watch! Trade routes were always of great importance to any nation or kingdom because in every nation they don't always have all that the people need to survive. Sometimes the people don't have the expertise to develop their own resources that they may have, and they may need people who have been trained in those fields but they are from another system. Do you understand what I am saying? So trade routes were always important. You need trade. You can't trade without communications because you have to communicate with who you are trading with. You have to understand them in order that your trade might prosper. And trade routes were always beneficial because it brought prosperity and security to any nation.

Like when there are arms trade, they are trading hostages for arms. Sometimes you are in a dangerous situation. They give you a lot of food but you can't fight your enemy with just food because they have a lot of food too and they have weapons. So you may need weapons for your defense, but you don't have the technology and the expertise to manufacture weapons. So you can't go and get friendly with somebody who have more food. Do you understand what I am saying? Especially if you are in the danger of being invaded.

Like those Sheikhs and them over there, they are only on fast cars and high life and playboy life, but they have an enemy right there on their border who have all kinds of chemical weapons, who is brutal, who is ruthless and who is willing to invade them, (you see) and then you have on the other side, you have all these oil Sheikhs, who are losing ten million dollars a night in a roulette game. So when they get invaded they didn't even have the weapons to secure themselves. So then they had to go and start to have trade now with America and them to get jets, to get weapons, to get their people trained in order to defend what they have now. Do you understand what I am saying?

Well what is happening here, there is nothing new under the sun. You are seeing in reality how it's coming into world power today, it was coming through the same process back there, because this is only the seed coming back. I'll show you in the Bible in a little while. Help me, Lord. Trade routes brought prosperity and security to any nation. Economically you got secure, military you get secure; whatever.

Like in Trinidad here they say, we need to have the region secure. If we can't—That's why Grenada was a threat. When Grenada began to build a big airport, it meant those planes didn't have to land anywhere to refuel anymore. They could land in Cuba and fly straight here from Russia. They could bring in the big jet and the big jet could bring in hundreds and

hundreds of Russians at one time and then they could have Russian military generals, big schools being set up to train people in spying and all kinds of different things and destabilize the whole region. Why? Because they know for the security of any region, you need to have proper trade. And since they tried to starve them out and isolate them, they say, "No, we are going to trade with Nicaragua; we are going to trade with these over here." So they began to find their allies in the region who could have helped them. So even though they are getting pressure from those who came with the same kind of history as them, they didn't mind.

You see that in families. Some families buy shoes for these children over here, give clothes to that one over here. When that one school book list comes out, they get the school books. When this one baby grows up, they get the baby shoes over here. They are trading and they are looking for who they are trading with.

Then sometimes you might have your neighbor, like in Penal, [place in Trinidad -Ed.] everybody has their fence drawn. They drew their geopolitical lines. Sometimes a neighbor had to go and get water, but where he has to go and get the water, since they don't have pipe-borne water, he might have to go through a neighbor's yard as a shortcut. For him not to pass through that neighbor's yard, he might have to make all the rounds to get by the pipe. And if any bad blood happens there, then a neighbor pulls a fence and now you have to make all that rounds there and it will offset his whole program. And every time they have to carry that heavy load of water up the hill, instead of just coming down through the neighbor yard there, he will be vex. It's more mad he will get. Until his children and the neighbor's children start to fight and they are throwing words and different things. And while the war is fighting up here, the younger one is already preparing for when they get big and their father and them die up there, the war will continue on.

I mean you have that in your daily lives. If you watch that at family level, it's the same way internationally. It doesn't change. That is what is happening in the world today. So if you know you have to go up right there for the water, you make friends with the neighbor. The neighbor could pass through your yard, then you can plant your soursop [tropical fruit -Ed.] or whatever it is you plant, you give them two because you know you will get to pass through their yard. So you are keeping everything in order.

You know, look at Kuwait (right?) and Iraq. All their pipelines run through Turkey and those places. So when it runs through Turkey to get into the military where the big tankers are coming in, they now have to keep funneling money to the Turks for allowing that to pass through their land. So when the Turks come now, they collaborated with the super powers and say, "Okay, we are locking off everything here. Nothing can't come through here." All their oil has to back up on them because they are locking off the pipes. They need those around them.

Now, I'm trying to show you now, the importance of trade routes to show the dividing of the land for gain; how they are dividing it to make profit for merchandise; where they are personally allowing... Let me show you it in a political realm. Like long ago you saw a lot of people in Trinidad who were Grenadians and St. Vincentians who came in Trinidad. And the Elections and Boundary Commission [local elections board -Ed.] drew the lines for where your vote is going to fall, in which constituency. So you open up certain areas and you bring in people in a certain area and you build votes in that area and it gives you more strength in the polls. What is doing it? A line. Do you understand what I am saying?

So you see, all of these are strategies, that's the ancient strategies, and it's greatly used and used effectively today to cripple and paralyze any competing

powers. Well the same way you do it in every realm. So what you find then is that trade routes will bring prosperity. If you have a lot of trade passing through here, big ships coming in with a lot of goods and different things and you could get goods cheaper because it's plentiful, you are going to benefit. You don't have to go looking around for this, wondering where to get that, "When last I tasted an apple." Look apple started to come in. There are more apples than even mangoes or saporillas [subtropical fruit -Ed.] right now. It's only apple and Santa Claus in the place. You see?

You want to know, "Wait, what is happening?" All we are not getting is real snow. But they even have all this little thing they are spraying for snow in a tin. So you get your own Santa Claus, you get your snow and you spray up everything right there and you imagine you are feeling cold and everything else. [Bro. Vin and congregation laughs -Ed.] No seriously! That is what is going on today. People like fictitious things. They like make-belief. They don't like truth, they like make-belief. People will leave all this Truth and go out there with their Santa, and Santa this evening. Sure! And here God is telling you the Truth that will save your life this morning. Now watch.

So when you look and you see them, that they begin to draw those lines, even way back there and we see they are dividing the nation for profit. Now sometimes you hear people, they travel and they go in the States and they see a nice big eight seat Toyota van, for four thousand dollars. And you see maybe about five thousand in a car mart in the States, for four thousand dollars each, and you multiply four thousand by five, it's twenty thousand dollars. Why we can't get one in Trinidad? You say look at people we have travelling up and down the priority route waiting for a bus, walking here. The church could have two of that.

When you go over here now, you see the way the trade systems are, it is not coming in this way. Now you may

hear like in Guyana or whatever it is, you say okay, because of the situation they just bring it in. It is not a law they pass. You see a piece of paper and they say all of this could come right in because we have transportation problems. So your trade routes and your trading partners could bring a lot prosperity if you are trading with the right people. And that is why when you need certain things, you don't want...

Sometimes you ask a brother or a sister, "Hear this! I am in a really hard situation. Could you lend me twenty-five dollars?"

He may say, "My last twenty-five dollars that I have, I have to buy some school books. The teacher said my child needs this book and I myself, I'm down flat."

Now you say, "Why didn't I have a few rich friends? All the people I know is poor people?"

Do you understand what I am saying? Now, so it is in the world. If a nation only wants to be close with a poor nation, it would not have any development for them. That is why they group all those Third World countries in a zone by themselves. Because the same way Trinidad is divided up, you have Maraval and Valsayn, and then you have East Dry River, you have another place, well the same way they have Germany and then they have Mexico. You have the uppers and you have the one below too, nationwide, the same way like people and districts.

Turn with me quickly, let me read some Scriptures. Let me move on. 2nd Samuel 8. Oh my! Those two saints who have to be betrothed, I just trust that they bear with me. I'm trying my best to get out of this quickly and I know maybe they should be enjoying this too. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. I trust you are appreciating the Word this morning. Let's read quickly in 2nd Samuel 8:

¹ And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines...

Because 2nd Samuel 7, is where David, after he became king, he sat in his house, and you know the whole story. I preached on that before. And God made the Davidic covenant and so on, confirming David as king and gave him the promise of a son.

¹ And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Methegammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

This was a country, a territory that the Philistines had, and David wanted that territory so he fought for that territory, and he took it.

² And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive.

He had his screening too. He had his policy. He measured out who he was going to kill and he measured out who he was going to keep. He waged his war and he took certain territories. What was in the hands of the Philistines, he wanted that. Why did he want it? David was a fugitive. And I'll give you the history just now on how Israel was changing. They were twelve confederate nations and then under Saul it became one nation, and they came from theocracy to a monarchy because they wanted to be like the nations of the world. So they had to set up their kingdoms, they had to set up their government and they had to set up everything now.

Then when David came into power, Israel was being strangled, because a lot of those nations were around Saul, and Saul had lost the last battle. Is that right? Saul got killed in the battle and everything else and God was bringing in David. All that time before, David was fighting as a mercenary because he was giving his services to the Philistines' king to fight the Amalakites. Remember, David was getting sheep from Nabal and

them. Abigail brought sheep because he was kind of protecting their lands because he was a fugitive and he had to make money somehow to live, for the six hundred people he had. So what he was doing, he was protecting peoples' property as a security guard to get money. So David was in the security business. Amen.

Then watch! Then David became a mercenary. He went in the Philistines' country when Saul was looking for him and he spent about two years with the Philistines and them, and went out on their campaigns against the Amalakites as a mercenary, getting money. Then when David became king now, he had to develop his country because those other powers had become strong. Saul had an evil spirit on him for all those years and he wasn't doing anything. And then what happened? Then David in that time, he knew it was needed that he have certain trade routes, he had certain important places that would have allowed him not to be strangled and suppressed by the surrounding nations, so he began to pick his battles.

Remember he would pray and say, "Lord, should I go up against this one?"

And the Lord would say, "Go up again. I will deliver them into your hands."

And then he would say, "Lord, should I go up there?"

Then he would wait and the Spirit went before him in the mulberry tree. He was picking his battles. He was under God's leadership. He knew he needed certain territories because if he didn't have the right trade routes, if he couldn't build a kingdom and get established, he was going to be in problems and they would have been destroyed as a people quickly. So watch!

...And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

This is the end of verse 2. In other words, he made them pay tribute. It wasn't just that they brought a pen for David or a Bible or a hat. No. When he took their

country and he kept certain ones alive, that became an extension of his kingdom. That became a province. Then they had certain things now to produce for David's economy, otherwise brother, they would be in real problems. In other words, he set up a system of government over them.

³ David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates.

⁴ And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David [hamstrung] all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots.

⁵ And when the Syrians of Damascus came to [aid] Hadadezer ...

Now this man had an alliance, watch it. And when his alliance realized he was being attacked by David, his alliance came to his assistance. What is happening out in the Gulf? Egypt is sending their army. Syria is sending their army. Is that right? All of them are sending different armies to fight against Iraq. Well, it's the same thing here. When David had taken that nation there, the man had an alliance. And his alliance, maybe when there was a certain economic part that came, "You'll side with me in battle, you'll side with me here for economic prosperity" or whatever diplomatic relations they had. And he sent out his army too, the Syrians and them.

[...and] David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

⁶ Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus...

In other places that he captured before, he didn't put garrisons, you know. But in the certain places where he captured and he wanted to put garrisons, he put certain garrisons there. In a certain region he may get certain kinds of opposition, because the territory, you

needed to stay in and occupy that land for a certain while so you set up a military base; you put in a garrison. Do you understand what I am saying? Sure!

Here it is revealing what he is doing. The reason the Bible is giving us this here, It's showing us that when David came into power and he began to establish his kingdom, and he began to strengthen himself, he began to lift Israel to a place to where they were becoming like a world power. He needed trade. He needed prosperity. He needed certain things that other nations had. Where there was all the lumber to build houses here, he could bring them in. He could set up new trade contracts and so on, to bring in the Sidonians and them, and let them do the buildings. He brought in the stone carvers and let them carve and different things. He opened up industries; made investments.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts.

To them also he put under paying tribute.

...And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took [very] much brass.

9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,

10 Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to [greet] him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadzer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

In other words, this nation was aggressive towards this nation. They couldn't fight them off but when David came and defeated the man, the man said, "Look, I don't want any war with you, because if I couldn't handle those fellows and you handled them, let me make peace with you." And he started to bring gifts and he started to bless him, and David was getting more alliances. Do you understand what I am saying?

Now what he is doing, I want to show you, David began to change the geopolitical lines in his day. Until Israel, there wasn't a nation could have made war against David, and from the Euphrates right down to the other end, David had rest roundabout afterwards. But when Solomon came in, Solomon's time was peace not war, Solomon built in peace because his father David had conquered all those things. Solomon just inherited everything afterwards. Do you understand what I am saying? So watch! Let's drop down to about verse 13.

¹³ And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being eighteen thousand men.

¹⁴ And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David [wherever] he went.

God was in it. God was bringing Israel to be a power because Israel was going to be the example nation. David was going to be Christ on the throne with five hundred wives, like Christ and His Bride. Do you understand what I am saying?

¹⁵ And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.

¹⁶ And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host...

He was the military general over all the forces. You could imagine when Joab walked there, it was only medals there. When Joab would go and he would be walking up, and he inspects the guards and he looks at them there, and they sit down in their pentagon that they had there in the Mossad [national intelligence agency of Israel -Ed.] or whatever it is, as a big high official, and they were determining, "We are going to keep that here. We are going to recruit forces over here. We are going to build a garrison over here. We are going shift around this trade route here. It's going to give us more power and leverage over here. We could put pressure on this nation over here." And they began to establish themselves.

¹⁷ And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests...

So they had their religions set up, they had their historians and they had their scribes.

¹⁸ And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.

So David made his sons rulers in every place that he took. Why was he doing that? He was strengthening himself. He was keeping the power within that royal blood. He was keeping it there with those who were part of himself, so that they could be strong. He wasn't going to put it in their hands. But that doesn't always work because right inside there, he got problems with Adonijah and his friends afterwards. Okay, now watch.

So in the days of Judges when Israel started, it was not like that. They weren't like that in the days of Saul. But when David came in—Because remember how Israel came from a people in slavery coming out. Then under Samuel they were a people still, but then they wanted a king like the other nations to go out in battle and to set up their system and so on; have diplomatic relations, receiving kings, going here, politics,

everything else, and they set up that kind of government. They didn't have that before.

When David came, then he began to make certain conquests and those conquests, it made Israel strong because the Syrians became his servants, this one became his servant, that one became his servants; this one was paying tribute and that one was paying tribute. He was controlling trade here. He was controlling this over here. Until when Solomon came in...

Let's look and see in 1st Kings 4, quickly. We are doing good. It's only ten past one. I'm doing pretty fine. I've surprised myself too. That's the grace of God. Do you understand what I'm doing? I'm giving you the flip side. I am showing you God in David, Christ in David. He redrew the lines for gain. He divided the land. He set up a system that governed the other nations. He ruled the world then for gain. And when Solomon came in it was called, what? The golden Age.

Now Rome wants that golden age too and they are trying to bring in their golden age – economic prosperity and peace. Do you see that? Solomon had peace and economic prosperity. They never prospered like in the days of Solomon. They have no peace like in the days... Solomon means peace. How many know that? Sure. And that peace came through what? David, the beloved Christ. Sure. And Solomon represented, what? Christ on the Throne with a thousand years—That is the Millennium right there.

That is what Rome is trying to bring in with this man of sin – to sit in the temple as God and reign on the earth as God. But what comes and takes that over? The Real King and the Real Kingdom. The God of Heaven will set up His Kingdom, the Kingdom of the Son of David. Do you understand me? But look how the enemy is doing the same thing. It's only a counterfeit. They are using the same principles that David and Solomon used. And now they are dividing the land for trade, for profit and gain; to rule the other nations, to

take the key places, to control resources, to give us their kind of peace; have their kind of glory, their kind of power.

What did I say, 1st Kings 4? Okay, turn with me. It wasn't 1st Kings 4. I had 1st Kings 4, where Solomon ascended to the throne, but I don't need to read that because that is where he came—I want to show you some of his policies. I want to show you some of his economic policies that he began to bring in and how he too caused craft to prosper.

You see, there is real prosperity, you know. The devil is only counterfeit. What did God tell Israel? “You sow your land until the sixth year, and I'll give you your increase. In the seventh, rest and you'll wait until the eighth or the ninth year. Is that right? He said, “Obey Me and I will give you the former and latter rain.” He said, “The sower will overtake the reaper.” When the man comes back to sow, he can't sow because the man hasn't finished reaping the fields yet, because God was showing the kind of economic prosperity He was going to give them. Now Satan wants to give us an economic prosperity too, through his policy that he is working to cause craft to prosper, but he is using the same principle.

1st Kings 10:11 and 12, let's start there. Okay sorry, 1st Kings 9:26 and then we are going to 1st Kings 10. 1st Kings 9:26. I'm sorry to make mistakes like that. 1st Kings 9:26. And this struck me even last night. I was looking at some of these things and I said, “Oh God, everything is in the Word.” Because I just got a thought in my heart how they were dividing the land for gain and I started to get some inspiration on it and you know, to show you how that prince who shall come, is coming to take over these things. Then you know, in preaching the message last week, I struck it when I brought the flip side of it – the Messiah Prince has already come. Verse 26, 1st Kings 9.

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships...

Israel did not have any real shipping experience before that time. Whatever little fishing boat they had in the lake of Galilee that was it, but that wasn't a navy of ships. But when Solomon came in he had a global vision. Do you understand what I'm saying? So he started to realize, he saw the fruitfulness of David's military and diplomatic successes, how David was able to capture certain key trade routes; the kind of prosperity was coming to Israel. And he saw that in his time, the wisdom that he prayed for that God gave him to lead the people, and when he started to get revelations like that, brother, he started to set everything in order. Revelation was just flowing, and Solomon with that wisdom of God, he made a navy of ships. He didn't even have trained ship-men but he made a navy of ships.

...in Eziongeber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea,

Look where he made it, you know!

...on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram...

That was David's friend who he had an alliance with in another country, another king, king of Tyre.

...sent in the navy his servants, [seamen] that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

In other words, he sent him trained sailors and navigators to train Solomon's men. Because remember, when they were building the temple he said, "Send me your woodsmen because I don't have men who cut wood like you all; send your stone men."

And the man said, "I have the right man to send. When he comes he is going to set up a school. He will teach them how to cut this type of stone and do this, fit it in the building and everything else."

Well now it showed the kind of trading partners they had. Now the man was sending his navy, his seamen now. So it showed that these men were powerful civilizations. That was changing the course of the world you know, because Israel now wasn't just... Like long ago, we only had sugar and cocoa and things, (right?) and a little oil, and then we said, "No, we have to launch out and take some of the market. We are going to have a steel industry; we going to put up this. We are going to have a methanol plant; we are going to put up this here." Why? We wanted to get to certain markets. We wanted to start to bring in certain things in the country. Do you understand?

That is why they were doing those things. "We are going to allow certain industry to come in to boost our productivity in the agriculture field. We are going to start to export to the Caribbean." Well, it's exactly what they were doing there. Then they got the Germans to come in. They got this one to come in and handle this, and set up this. They got Wimpey [construction company – Ed.] and them to come in here and put down certain things. Why? Because it is needed to build the country, to generate money; to get more prosperity, (see?) create more employment and these things; expand the vision.

27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, [seamen] that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

Every trip they made – four hundred and twenty talents. Do you see what's going on? The mines of king Solomon. Solomon maybe started—From David's conquests he said, "Okay." He found out they discovered gold down there in that place. Remember in Genesis 2, he told them, Ophir, the gold of Ophir and Havilah, in the land where the gold is, and the bdellium and the different things there were there.

Well when they discovered it, they did not tell you how the discovery came. Solomon said, "What? That is in my province, but I can't get there. It would take me too many camels. The route is too far and we can't even bring that amount of camels back. My goodness, it would take me maybe one hundred years to develop this thing." Something struck the man. He got revelation praying one night. "The sea! That is my answer – the sea. I could bring it through the sea but we have no seamen." He said, "I am launching out with faith. I am going to set up a whole shipping industry here. I'm going to become a shipping magnate. A greater than Onassis is here. [Aristotle Onassis, shipping magnate –Ed.]

And he began to set up everything. Then he imported the shipmen. He import the expertise. He paid for it. He said, "Hiram, send over your shipmen, let them train my men here. Set up a navy for me because I have resources there that could help me here." And he began to go and get it. He started to control that route because he had the ships in the ocean now. He had the fleet of ships, the best ships built with the Intelligence from the God Who built the ark. Do you understand what I'm saying?

Remember Jehoshaphat had tried to go with some ships with one of Ahab's sons, and God caused all the ships to remain on the port and he couldn't move? Sure. You see, we don't pick up those things because it's little places in the Bible here and there. It doesn't say much about it, but it all ties in when you begin to look and see what we are talking about or looking at, you see where all those things were put in the Bible for a purpose. It fits somewhere. It relates somewhere. It's to open up an understanding in certain areas, and as it comes and we look and we see it, we say, "My goodness."

Look at David and Solomon they were not just praying to God alone. As I told you God was God of everything for Israel. If you can see, He is God, the same here. He knows these things. 1st Kings 10:11. Maybe

I shouldn't be taking so much of details but I can't help it. That is my nature. I just like details. I like to put that down there so there is no more room for doubt.

¹¹ And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.

¹² And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.

Could you imagine when he must have played an imported harp, and Solomon strummed it a little bit, he said, "Why can't we get this tone? Our acoustics is not sounding good at all."

They said, "This is made with almug." They said, "You all don't have this in this country."

He said, "Where do you get almug."

He said, "Well that's right in my shipping route. I could let one of my ships dock in that port and fill up with a few almug. If I get some men to cut it and ship it down the river and bring it down, I could pick it up as I stop. It is not going to cost me any time. I would just land in a port to give my men some rest and I'll come back here. That will make the trip easy."

So brother, he started to bring in almug trees now and the house of the Lord was going up. See? Instruments, more refined sounds were coming. The worship started to get a little more anointed because of the new acoustics, new instruments that were coming. Do you understand what I am saying? He was thinking about everything. Verse 14:

¹⁴ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,

¹⁵ Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants,

and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

Does that ring a bell? Maybe if it can't, let me help ring that bell for you. I hope I get to it, Revelation 18, watch that other king in his world state, in his millennium, his Eden, when he is enthroned over his Eden. Watch how the merchant that trade by the sea, all who deals in cinnamon, and ivory, and horses and chariots and all these different things, are controlling all the trade routes after he split it up into trading blocs. Is that right? Controlling the whole world and bringing in all that wealth unto himself. Look here in the Bible what was coming to Solomon just because he went into an investment in setting up a navy. Look what the navy was bringing in, that fleet of ships. Do you understand what I'm saying? Sure.

You see, sometimes you need to be a little bold and daring. You need to have enterprise. That is why, don't be slothful in business. Get out of it if you don't have the courage to be inside of it. Amen. You are a make-believer in the thing. When you get faith and you get in there, do something positive. Amen. Hit a good shot and come back out. Don't go and fish around, fish around and squirt a little water here, squirt a little water here. Do it business like. Amen. Glory.

With the wisdom of Solomon, brother, look what was happening there in one year. Look at the turnover in one year. Some people might say, "You are going by ship. People might drown because we are not accustomed to shipping. Our people didn't have any ship in history." But he was breaking new frontiers because he was a man of vision. Amen. He was stepping out there into that realm and seeing things that could happen.

Sometimes you get scared, "We are going to Abel; so much of money, this, that and the other." Forget that. Let's launch out by faith, (amen) by the grace of God; not any little parlor vision inside here. Let us break new

frontiers. Let us get into the astronaut realm by the grace of God, where the Message could have real power among God's people; where the Glory is because a Greater than Solomon is here. He has descended from Heaven with a shout. Amen. Glory. God has opened those Seven Seals and shown us these things. Yes sir! I believe it. I mean you can't deny the Bible. You have to be an unbeliever this morning to deny the Bible. You have to hate God, not to love God. God being revealed in His Word, (amen) to see the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we have some small church vision that we can't do anything for God. Half the time we are just trying to survive, and eat some bread or wear some clothes or something, and when we look to see what we have done with the Gospel: who we have saved, where the Message have been preached with conviction, where the powers of the enemy have been broken, where the strongholds have been pulled down, amen; where the Word have been established, we need to look and see it.

David went out there to do battle. Amen. He was taking places by the grace of God. He had trained Gentile warriors with him, anointed with the king's desire. Solomon had Benaiah and those fellows from the old regime who was still there standing loyal and faithful as ever. Amen. David told Solomon, "God will send those men with you. You will have all that you need to carry out the work. God will send them among you. Amen. If you need deacons, God will send the right ones. If you need song leaders, God will send the right ones. If you need musicians, God will send them." Amen! "God will take care because God is establishing His Word among the people."

That is why I always felt paralyzed, always felt crippled. I look for people to rise up here, move out, spread their wings, (amen) and go out there and shake the region, shake the Caribbean with the Word, amen; to recognize what God has opened up among us. Amen. But some of us have a small vision that we can't move.

We don't have enough faith to launch out, to spread, to believe, to trust God, yet we sit there and we are only singing, glorifying ourselves, "Oh, we have more than the early church. We are the Bride for the last days." And what are we doing? Nothing. Some of us can't even pray for half an hour without falling asleep. Sure. Amen. You watch back there, they didn't even have the Holy Ghost. Brother, I tell you, those men were so loyal and faithful, they saw the anointing on Solomon. They knew God had raised a standard in Israel. Verse 22:

22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

When you come in Solomon's courts—Remember when the queen of the South came. She said, when she saw the cupbearers, when she saw the singers, when she saw the temple, when they walked in and they saw Solomon ascend the throne, climbed up the steps and got there and he began to speak and the wisdom of Solomon began to come forth, oh, she had no spirit left inside of her.

And that is what I desire to see inside this church. Amen. Bro. Branham said, "I want to walk in a church where sin can't stand among the people. No matter when those unbelievers come in, it's the Presence of the Power of God over the people, the Glory, the Shekinah Glory hanging there in the building among the people; God speaking through His Word, amen; Light and illumination coming forth, lighting up the lives of the people, amen; breaking the influence of the enemy around their lives." You want to see things like that happen because you know God is here to do it.

When they walked in Solomon's court, they were seeing things from around the world that was right there: apes, peacocks; things you never saw in Israel. Solomon was bringing all these things, because do you

know why? He was in Eden again. Hallelujah. That was the golden Age. That was a type of the Millennium and Solomon was Christ. Amen. It was peace roundabout with everything prospering. The kings were bringing their glory into the city unto King Solomon, and he had all the birds, he had the apes, he had everything all around him right there, walking there. Hallelujah.

Look and see where the man was standing. I tell you it excites me. I don't want to behave like this but forgive me, if some of the strangers doesn't understand me. Amen. The Word excites me. I didn't go to sleep five o'clock this morning for anything. Let me enjoy myself here right now. Amen.

And Solomon had horses... (verse 28)

Watch this too. Not just trade by sea, trade by land too. Not just trade in gold and peacocks and apes and these things. Not just trade in spice merchants. Watch all the different things being mentioned and see how wide the man monopolized and the different countries that were producing these things and the type... Because when Solomon came in, he realized a strong centralized government was needed and he set it up there and he redrew the lines. Where they had it in the days when Joshua went and drew the lines, Solomon redrew the lines, and he set up twelve princes in different regions. Each region had to bring in each year a certain quota for the kingdom of Solomon there, because it represented Christ. See?

28 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and [Kue]: the king's merchants received the [Kue] at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty...

Here it is giving the current market price of transportation. Revelation 18, it deals with chariots and horses too – transportation. For war, for your city,

transportation for social, for military, everything – chariots and horses. There are types of horses for business. There were types of horses for war. There was a special set of horses for transportation, and horses for plowing your fields. Sure. Different kinds, different breeds, different stocks to play different roles. Like you may have a Mercedes Benz to drive out, then you may have a tank, a war tank for war. You are not going to go to dinner with your wife in your war tank. Do you understand what I'm saying? You see, back there they had different types: for war chariots, different types for social living, (see?) for war; different things.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

Did you see that? So here was Solomon, under the reign of Solomon, Israel prospered. It was a golden Age. I'm closing now. Daniel 11. There's where I want to close, Daniel 11. Oh my! So can you see Solomon— Under David and Solomon, Israel came to the same place. They controlled all the trades, all the shipping, everything. All the glory came into one city – Jerusalem.

Today they want to bring it into Babylon, that great city, that they are bringing in their wealth there because Satan only has a counterfeit plan. They want to have a false king over that Eden. Because Solomon represents Messiah Prince and Nimrod represents the little prince. Is that right? Sure. Do you see those two kings and their kingdoms? Do you see it today? I took it in the beginning of the Bible, in the middle of the Bible and at the end of the Bible it's in Revelation 18, where I want to go. Daniel 11, let's look at this king in the last days, out of this fourth kingdom, this little horn, the prince that shall come. Verse 36, 11:36:

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation (or the tribulation) be accomplished...

Remember, he goes right through Tribulation. Remember, he kills Moses and Elijah. Remember, he kills one hundred and forty four thousand. Remember, he kills the foolish virgins. Is that right? But then what happens? Then there is One Who comes to judge and make war.

...for that [which] is determined shall be done.

Daniel 9 said: that which will be determined shall be poured out upon the desolator, until the consummation.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

Is that right? That is the one we know is getting ready to rise on the scene over this Eden.

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces...

Which is Satan, himself!

...and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

Material wealth, material gain, prosperity, uncertain riches.

39 Thus shall he do in the [strongest fortresses] with a [foreign] god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

Okay! Do you understand what I am saying? In Genesis they divided the land for gain, for merchandise,

for profit and it brought a world state. In the time of Israel, David and Solomon when they came into power, what did God do? God redrew the lines. God divided the land for gain, for profit until Israel was the super power and all nations had to come and pay tribute and glory to them. Is that right? That was the golden Age of Israel right there. And in the last days, out of the fourth kingdom there is going to be one who is going to come and divide the land for gain again, for profit and for trade.

I just want to read something out of *Times Magazine* and close with that, and you read Revelation 18 when you go home. To save time I would not read it, but that is where I wanted to go – Revelation 18: the merchants of the ships and they that trade by the sea; the trades routes and these things. Listen to this, this is out of the *Times Magazine* December 17th 1990. On an article talking about the general agreement of tariffs and trade bust.

They said: *The U. S. President was on a five nation tour of Latin America, designed in part to promote a hemispheric free trade zone, stretching from the North Pole to Tierra del Fuego.*

That is the uttermost tip of Canada in the tundra there in Alaska, right down to the tip of South America. And you have Canada, the second largest country in the world after Russia in land space, then you have the United States underneath, then you have Mexico, and that makes up that North American continent. Then you come into Central America where you have Panama and Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, all of them inside there. And then you come down into South American and then you start with Venezuela, and Columbia, and all those at the top there, right down to Uruguay, Paraguay, going right down to Peru, going right down to Argentina at the bottom.

So that whole land mass is one trade zone, and we are right in that Caribbean Basin, what you call the

Caribbean Basin Initiative, where we fit right inside there, and we come right in that zone. Because between us here and Europe there, it's what? The Atlantic. That's the great Atlantic Ocean on the other side of that whole North and South American coast, and the West is the Pacific, and those are the two great waterways of the world that you have to cross by either ship or air. So any trade or any traveling you have to do there, has to be done there. Do you understand what I am saying? Any import or any export, has to go through those waters there. Now watch! Then they have the shipping routes. Now look!

So he went on his Latin American tour *designed to promote the hemispheric trade zone stretching from the North Pole to Tierra del Fuego which compliments the major trade agreement with the U.S. signed two years ago with Canada, and a similar arrangement currently under negotiation with Mexico. Both provide a clear illustration of Washington's determination to develop alternatives to the cumbersome GATT, (that is G.A.T.T, that is General Agreement on Tariff and Trade) process. Said Bush, "We must hue out a wilderness of competing interest; a new kind of opportunity for the Americas."*

Then they said: *On the other side of the Atlantic, the community's, (the European Community) effort to create the world's largest single market of three hundred and twenty million consumers by 1992, reflects a similar outlook.*

What are they going to do with that one long market there? Then all Europe there are going to come in that one market there by 1992.

Then they said: *The community may soon encompass even more lucrative markets. If was expected more countries in the Scandinavian and Eastern Europe bid for E.C membership in this decade. In the fast growing Asian region now...*

Then if you have Europe and you have the Americas here, the next big region is the Asians. They are the

tigers, is what we call them down there. Out there is Taiwan, Hong Kong, everything you could say, “Made in Hong Kong, made in Japan, made in Taiwan, made in here” – producers producing cheap, cheap labor; big markets out there.

It said: *The fast growing Asian region, another bloc with common trade interest, dominated by Japan may be taking shape. Gradual division of the world into large trade grouping.*

Gradual divisions of the world. Here is an influence on the earth coming out dividing the earth for profit and for gain, for trade to bring all the riches into one city, like Nimrod was bringing to Babel, like David and Solomon was bringing it to Jerusalem, and like they want to bring it in the Vatican City today. Do you see what I am talking about? Do you see the pattern in the Bible? Alright.

Gradual division of the world into large trade groups is to further undercut the GATT, leaving many nations in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, most of the world’s poorest to fend for themselves.

What is going to happen with many like us? Leaving the world’s poorest nations to fend for themselves! Listen this is an article in September 1990, 25th, *World Report*. It said: *Japan Finance Minister proposed on Sunday, an overhaul of the world’s monetary systems to bring more order to volatile currency markets. In an address to the Interim committee, meeting the International Monetary Fund, they suggested that the major nations study the possibility of creating a new monetary system that will be based on currencies in the Triad, of the United States, Japan and the European Community.*

They want to bring a currency for those three trade blocs; a new monetary system for the three trade blocs where all trade is going to be governed by and where they are going to have a new monetary system. That is what they are proposing right now. Now isn’t that what

the Word shows is going to happen? [Congregation replies, "Amen." -Ed.]

Okay! So I'll spare you the time, but I think you get the picture of what I'm trying to project to you. And you see in the Bible, I tried to bring that Scripture reading to show you that another mighty hunter, another one on the earth, another Babylon, because that fourth kingdom, the Angel told Daniel it shall devour the whole earth, and that last king will be diverse from all other kings.

Who are we going to look at to find him, and to find what he's doing? There is one like him in Genesis. See. And he is impersonating the One Who is coming to set up His Kingdom, that is going to bring real economic prosperity, where even the desert will bloom like a rose. Where right in the land of Palestine, two men will pack one bunch of grapes again. Amen. Glory! Where the animals will lay down there in peace together. Do you see what is coming? Do you believe it? Oh my! Amen.

I know we took some time, but that's my inspiration. What is it doing, saints? It's causing these nations to trust in uncertain riches. The people who they starved and held under their power for so long, they'll free them up now and say, "You are going to have it better. Isn't the church lovely? Isn't the World Council of Churches amazing? Look how we turn around the world so quickly. Isn't the ecumenical move a real blessing in disguise? Isn't the pope the man who should get the special prize?" Oh my! But thank God there was One Who came down and ripped the Seals off of that Book to show you what is coming.

Stranger visitor, sinner, friend, these sayings are faithful and true. John didn't understand half of the things he saw on the Isle of Patmos, but a Voice told him, "These things are faithful and true." Look what is happening in the world today. We have shown that it happened before. We have shown that what was in Genesis is repeating itself right back in Revelation.

Out of that division is going to come a world state, with a world leader with a Satanic worship; where Satan, incarnate in flesh, will set up himself as God. That is exactly what Nimrod made himself, the woman's seed that was promised since in the Garden of Eden. And when you see these things, as the Prophet said, "He set out to establish three things and he did establish it. He made a name for himself, he propagated his own religion, and then he is worshiped in all the earth." He brought everything and forced it, in a forced subjection to his own city.

So don't be caught in that friends. The Hour of temptation... Remember, the year before I preached in 1989, *The Hour Of Temptation Is Come*. In 1990, I preached, *He That Is Called Faithful And True* [1989-1231 -Ed.] is here, Who will keep us in that Hour of temptation. And then the year before I think, I preached when the Hour of temptation is come, it's the same Hour when the Son of Man will be glorified because he said, "When the Squeeze comes, watch the Third Pull then." And all together friends, the Message haven't changed, It's just became clearer. It's just becoming more real in the light of the modern events and what is happening. May we believe it with all our hearts.

And some of you strangers, you hear about these things, you read it in the papers every day, you hear it on the news every day, you hear the governments pushing for it, but in the Bible, it's a diabolical trap of the devil, where he is going to take the whole world under his control. But God has send forth a Prophet and God has opened up this Bible, the Seven Seals, and that is why we could open It and read It, and we can see the things happening on the earth today, and we can see how diabolical it is.

It is not the plan of God for His people. God has another plan for His people. And that plan is "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and He will give you the gift of the Holy

Ghost.” Amen. Even as many as the Lord thy God shall call, even unto your children and unto them that are far off. He that believeth on the Lord Jesus Christ, he and his household shall be saved. Amen.

Let us see what is happening and let us escape these things. Let us don't trust in uncertain riches, through which many souls are pierced with sorrows, but let us hold to His unchanging hands today. Let us sing that little song, “*Hold to God's unchanging hand,*” as we get ready to change over to the betrothal. *Hold to God's unchanging hand.* Get somebody to get the little pulpit here for me. *Build your hopes on things eternal; hold to God's unchanging hand.* Oh my! Praise His wonderful Name.

[Song #474 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Hold to God's unchanging hand!

Oh, what better advice.

Hold to God's unchanging hand!

Build your hopes on things eternal,

Hold to God's unchanging...

Oh my, sing it again, “*Hold to God's unchanging hand!*”

Hold to God's...

Oh, you better believe it now.

Hold to God's unchanging hand!

...eternal,

Hold to God's unchanging hand!

Oh, “*Covet not this world's vain riches*” now.

Covet not this world's vain riches,

That so rapidly decay,

Seek to gain the heavenly treasures,

Oh my! They will never, never pass away. Oh, let's sing that song now, “*Hold to God's unchanging hand.*” Will the Brother and Sister come forward? I know you are waiting to see who they are.

Hold to God's unchanging hands!

Build your hope on things eternal.

Hold to God's unchanging hand!

When your journey is completed, now
When your journey is completed,
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright your home in Glory,

We don't want the bride. Just let the sister come, amen. Everyone singing that song, hold to God's unchanging hand. Oh, let's hold it a little tighter. Put your hand in the Master's hand today.

Hold to God's unchanging hand!
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand!
 Oh, time is filled with swift transition,
Time is filled with swift transition,
 Oh, hold to God's unchanging hand!
Hold to God's unchanging hand!
Hold to God's unchanging hand!
Build your hope on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand!

Oh my! Thank You, Jesus. Amen. I was wondering what was going to happen for a little moment or two because I was looking all over for the sister to come through somewhere and I didn't even see her sitting down there. Amen. But nevertheless we have them, our precious Bro. Brendon Hewitt and our Sis. Jacinta Jackie. We are certainly thankful for them and what God has done in bringing the two of them together. And as it was said in the Bible concerning Isaac and Rebekah, saying that this thing proceeded forth from the Lord. Amen. And God is so good just to know what His children had need of. In times like these, you know He could bless them; do so much for them. The Bible in Proverbs 18 verse 22 says:

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing,
and obtaineth favour [from] the LORD.

Amen. And especially us young men walking in the Light of this revealed Word, we have been spoken to by a Prophet, who received the Word from the Angel of the Lord, from that Pillar of Fire, to tell us how to choose a

wife. Is that right? So he's been well instructed and I think he has done a pretty good job of it. It shows that he watched those principles carefully and he didn't choose just by natural beauty. Because something outstanding the Prophet said on the message *Spiritual Amnesia* page 26, [1964-0411, para. E-60 -Ed.] he says:

When a man marries a wife he doesn't trust in her beauty. No. He trusts in the loyalty of her vow, her word. [Amen.] He doesn't trust in her beauty; he trusts in her loyalty. And that's the way when you marry to God. You don't trust in some big, beautiful church you could build, but in the promise that Jesus Christ made, that "I'm the same yesterday, today, and forever."

If we were not holding to His Word today, what kind of hope would we have? Amen. And you know this is not the marriage. This is formal but the marriage is just a little more formal than this, but this is just a prelude to the marriage. It's one phase, showing that they have really been satisfy in their hearts that God has witnessed back to them that each other is their mate. The Lord had provided for them and they feel assured in their hearts about that, and we went through that back and forth.

You know, Bro. Brendon in the church, he has been one who has been very, very special and precious amongst us. You know, like a jealous father watching over an obedient son, you want to make sure when the time comes up, he gets blood in his blood. Amen.

You know she told me, she said, "I want to think about this thing." She say, "You know, I really appreciate the brother. He is a fine brother. I believe there is a real likeness in my heart for him but you know, I talked to myself and I said, 'Jessie, he's asking for you; not something that you have but all of you he's asking for.'" She said, "I have to think about that and pray about that a little more because I realize the decision, how important it was."

So, I said, "Sister, I really appreciate that." I said, "You know, as much as I know he is a really fine brother and everything else, I really admire that."

I thought she was going to take a couple of weeks and come back. She went into months and months and months, you know, and then when finally she came and she said, "Well, the feeling has just grown stronger and it's still there." And she began to give out a little more experiences of how God have worked in her life and how it led up to that time and then he's with her and so on.

Then we began to kind of have more serious talks together because, before that, I had already talked to one of them at a time, but from the time we got the two of them together it meant in my eyes and the eyes of God, it was now going to be considered to be something serious. And anybody with any relationship, liking anybody, unless... If two people doesn't really sit down and talk to the minister, it has not been given any approval, no matter how much or how strong you may think personally. Now nobody have to submit to that. A person is free to do what they want and go the way that they want, but God has already shown what is right and wrong in times past with those things.

So you find that was really something there. She came back and he came back and we spoke and it turned out really nice. And then they visited each other's home and they got introduced to the waiting families who were kind of only hearing rumors and knowing that a couple of meetings were taking place and knowing that they were pondering these things in their hearts.

And if the families, even though some of the families might be here in the church, I wouldn't even talk to them outside, only if it's needful, because I felt that there is a time and a place that when the time comes, because those are decisions that parents have to make on their own too, especially if they are believers. They must have a witness in the Holy Spirit, especially if they

have raised their children and they have cared for them and they have grown them up from a baby, and then they give them over, then they would have some witness in their heart, if they believed those children have grown right and really have a heart desirous of serving the Lord.

It turned out to be something really wonderful. And so they are here today and both look fresh and nice, and he wouldn't even wear the jacket until... I saw this jacket in the room and I was saying, "Whose jacket is that? It doesn't look like Willie's. Willie doesn't have that jacket. Bro. Ross doesn't wear this jacket." I said, "I didn't leave any jacket here last night." So he just had it just without a wrinkle coming right up, and that's fine. Amen. That's really fine.

Our sister here, she looks a little special because it's a special occasion. I admire that. Put a little pride into what you are doing. Do it nice when you are doing something. I always say Jesus had style. Put a little style into it. Amen. With a humble spirit, a meek and quiet spirit, then you have a little taste in how you carry about yourself, and that always caps it off nice. But when you just don't have that meek and quiet spirit and you try to heap on a lot of external business, it's always visible to somebody who sees and knows real things from artificial things.

So they both look really nice and I'm really happy for them and I know you are happy for them. Do you think it's a good match? [Congregation replies, "Amen" and applauds -Ed.] Amen. You see, I asked that because I know the relief of that suspense is going to help them because they'll know how you feel, you know. Sometimes you know, in their minds, they could feel the waves in their minds, you know. I didn't know that was going on. The thought waves started to move you know, and then it gets them here a little kind of tense.

So we want to have them real nice and relaxed in God's Presence. And this is a time of love. It's a time...

We just had preaching about judgments and the Word of God and the urgency of the Hour and these things, but in the midst of that, is a love story. Amen. In the midst of all that what's happening in the famine, is a love story. Amen. Two hearts are becoming one. The love of God is uniting two souls together and they want to walk in Light in Christian love, and that's really good. That's really good. Amen. That's really, really good.

Now a vow we know, must not be made deliberately but it must be made deliberately and devoutly because sudden passion doesn't make a vow. You don't just get, "You know, I just can't help myself." No. You think about it, you pray about it, you watch it, you search it, you inquire of the Lord, He witnesses back, you're settled and you have no doubt. Obstacles may come down the road, but you have the strength to go right through it by the grace of God, because you know Who started you in your relationship. It always comes out for a testimony. It always comes out for God's glory. Shortcuts will always fail because there are many ways that seems right unto a man but the end is death. But there is only one way provided by God for everything.

So I thought that you know, I'm going to read something here out of *My Life Story*. [1959-0419a, para. 30-4 to 32-1 -Ed.] And the Prophet was telling his little life story here. He said:

So ... I made up my mind that I either had to ask her to marry me, or I must get away and let some good man marry her, somebody that would be good to her...

He had seen this girl. He went to church with her. They got a chance to talk outside the church door or by the corner a little bit sometimes. Maybe one or two people might have seen and said, "Oh, Bro. Bill and Sis. Hope, I find they are talking plenty these days." Whatever, but it will hurt. Amen. But he knew just coming to church and talking, and passing smiles to one another, it's going to take more than that to make a serious relationship. It's going to take more than

that to come into real agreement. It's going to take more than to be able to face the responsibilities. And kindness can't feed her and her children. Kindness can't maybe give her shelter, and it will take a little more than twenty cents an hour, today.

So I couldn't make too much of a living for her. And ... With all the family we had to take care of, and dad broke down in health, and I had to take care of all them, so I was having a pretty rough time.

So I thought, "Well, the only thing for me to do is to tell her that ... I just won't be back, because I thought too much of her to wreck her life..."

Now I'm showing you what's in the heart of a young man in this generation that God used to be an example, when young men are interested in young Christian women, and they are courting them, and the way they should conduct themselves. Because he said, "I could walk back to God and stand before His judgment Throne with any girl I ever went out with, and know we never did anything immoral, anything carnal and unclean because I lived true and clear and I respected them." That's the way you must be now.

So he said: And then I thought, "If somebody could get ahold of her and marry her, make a lovely home, and maybe if I couldn't have her, I could ... know that she was happy."

And so I thought, "But ... I just can't give her up." ...I was in an awful shape. And day after day I'd think about it. So I was too bashful to ask her to marry me. Every night I'd make up my mind, "I'm going to ask her." And why, what is that, butterflies, or something you get in your... [you know, stomach I guess.] All you brethren out there probably had the same experience along that. And a real funny felling, my face would get hot. ... I didn't know. I couldn't ask her.

So I knowed better than to stop outside and blow the horn for her to come out.

How many young men know better than that? He said, "I know better than that. I'm not going to go out there and start to blow the horn. [Bro. Vin makes a "Whoosh" sound -Ed.] And if there is some girl, or a young girl running after that, you're selling yourself short. Do not sell yourself short. You are a lady. If you live like a lady, you are going to earn the respect of young men who will see that virtue of womanhood inside of you. If you want to be treated like a lady and then live like a flirter, nobody is going to give you that kind of attention. You are going to have to start running behind somebody and then it means you are way out of God's will already. See?

So he said: ... *I knowed better than to stop outside and blow the horn for her to come out. Oh, my. ... any boy that hasn't got nerve enough to walk up to the house, and knock on the door, and ask for [that] girl, ain't got no business being out with her anyhow.* [Is that right young men?] *That's exactly right.* [He said:] *That's so silly. That's cheap.*

... so I stopped my old Ford, you know, and I had it all shined up. And so I went up and knocked at the door. Mercy, her mother came to the door. I couldn't hardly catch my breath, I said, "How ... do you do, Mrs. Brumbach?"

She said, "How do you do, William."

I thought, 'Oh ... 'William'...'

And ... she said, "Will you step in?"

I said, "Thank you." I stepped inside the door. I said, "Is Hope just about ready?"

And just then here come Hope skipping through the house, just a girl about sixteen. And she said, "Hi, Billy."

And I said, "Hi, Hope." [And] I said, "You about ready for church?"

She said, "Just in a minute."

I thought, "Oh, my. She never got it..."

He had sent a letter in the day. See? You see, he wasn't trained by the Angel all there yet, so he was still

sending little notes across the church and sending all these little things too. Do you understand what I am saying? Sometimes we must stop those passing notes and calling up and all these kinds of different things and doing things and then come in church... Tell me if this is honest? In the night you're calling up, you're passing little notes, you're waiting for little private moments and then when anybody is around, you are moving like nothing is going on between the two of you all. Isn't that pretense? Isn't that hypocrisy? Isn't that trying to deceive somebody? Sure it is. Let's be honest. Let's be true in our hearts. Amen. Today is a good day, you know. I just feel Him so close by. When I feel Him so close by, everything is just right; it's just right.

I thought, "Oh, my. She never got it. ... Good, good, good. Hope never got it either, so it'll be all right, 'cause she'd have named it to me." So I felt pretty fair.

He's talking about the relationship. But I want to get the part of the respect to show to one another in the relationship: what will be the proper example when you visit someone else's home, your fiancé's home; when she comes to your home; when you all maybe go out in public together. Because now they are being betrothed and they'll be seen in public together. It's being done, not in a corner, but before all the saints in the house of God, in the right place. So any boy who might have certain plans upon her and any girl that might have plan upon him, but realize that the Lord didn't have that in His plan, because this is the Lord's plan here, and the lines are already drawn and can't be redrawn. And this land is already fenced, so to speak, with signs up, "Trespassers will be persecuted." So I trust that, you know, it's wonderful.

Let's get ready for a little song at this time, a little love song. I, want something else, "*Many Waters*," how about you? Do you want to sing that? [Bro. Vin indicates Bro. Glaude -Ed.] Come brother, come. *Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.*

And all of you who may have your wives, who may have your sweethearts in the house of God, let me tell you... I see here are some people there, poor little sister went and bobbed all her hair off. An evil spirit came upon her and just deluded her. God help her soul.

Then we have others just in the age where they are thinking about a boyfriend or a girlfriend. It's not sinful to think about a boyfriend or a girlfriend, but it's the way you do it. It's the way you do everything. Because a boyfriend or girlfriend, your boyfriend will become your husband, if it's of the Lord, and the girlfriend will become your wife, if it's of the Lord.

But when you go around changing boyfriends and girlfriends and you are not sure, and you are trying to compete with other people and all these different things, then we get in the flesh and we get in a whole mess. Because it doesn't start with marriage and then you learn to love. God will put love in your heart, and when He puts love in your heart, you think a little different about a boy other than the other boys, or a girl other than the other girls. The affection is different and that is why you know, "This one is different." You appreciate the rest, you like them, they are nice saints, fine saints, but you think God is dealing with you and giving you a mate.

Then when that is really God, you don't just run 'helter skelter'. You pray. You watch it because you know it is a serious thing. It's a responsible thing. It's a thing that if God is going to honor, it must be pure and clean. It must come from God. It must not be indecent or disrespectful. And if we could only walk through these areas like that, it's so much easier and so far enjoyable. When you try to cut corners, look for shortcuts, we create our own problems. We push ourselves out of God's blessings and then feel God has dealt unfair with us when we can't enjoy the blessings and the relationship as God gives it to others, who were true and obeyed His Word. Amen?

Some people may have loved the Lord but they didn't know much about Him. They started to hear more of His Word. He started to speak to them through His Word and they started to love Him a little more. You say, "Lord, I want to give my life to You, you know. I want to surrender my life to You, Lord. I want to be identified to You fully. I want to take Your Name, Lord." Why? They prayed about it. They believed this is what they wanted. And so it is in a natural relationship, the same way it is spiritually. Amen.

Would you mind just coming a little closer? Look in each other's eyes. Amen. [Bro. Vin speaks to Bro. Glaude - Ed.] And sing with all your love in your heart. You've passed this way before, so you have the experience, and the Presence of God is here. May He just anoint us all right that we'll feel good in His Presence.

[Bro. Anthony Glaude sings, song #513 - Songs That Live, "*Many waters.*" -Ed.]

Amen. And now in the sincerity of these solemn moments, we just want to get ready that they would pledge their love and betrothal to each other. You know before you could come to this point, they had to have a place of sincere confession, so that they could come into this advisably, lawfully, so that it would be irrevocable. And in Bible times this betrothal was always as binding as the marriage. And you know that because in Matthew chapter 1, God told Joseph, "Fear not! Take unto thee Mary *thy wife.*" They were just betrothed. They were not married yet, but that vow was just as binding.

When something like this is clean, and pure and right in the eyes of God, why would many times, we would want to live below the standard of the Word and then drag somebody to ask God to bless something that He cannot bless? He will not bless that which is illegal, unlawful, dirty; something that was in rebellion to God's will. But look how we feel. We feel His Presence. We feel His blessing. We feel the anointing and the

nearness of His Spirit when we come in obedience to His Word.

[Bro. Vin asks Bro. Brendon –Ed.] Have you got the ring? Amen. My, I tell you, the king's jewels. You know Bro. Willie was telling me the other day, he was testifying to a young couple and he said, "You see me, when I got married, for my wife, I bought the ring for thirty dollars and I had to pay for it on terms." Well, in my time it was one hundred dollars. God help me, I could have paid for it in cash.

But we were just in the process of evolving up to where we've come into something more precious, more valuable, something that radiates light, something that is mounted on gold that speaks of His character – tried in the fire. These lovely diamonds, I know it always enhances the beauty of a young maiden and it always makes her feel a little special because it's not just jewelry. It's a token of love. It's a symbol of what is dear to them in their hearts and holy and sacred before God.

That when the time comes, you know, she might be at home and she looks at it, she would just think about him and wish she could see him. And especially if she knows he is coming in evening, she wants to look nice when he comes to visit; smell nice, look nice, make something nice for him to eat when he comes. Because I'm sure all girls know when they are betrothed; when they are betrothed, that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Amen. We used to tease him, you know, we'll say, Bro. Brendon, you are the curve of happiness." But may God bless him and make the curve a little greater, just big enough and not to where it gets to be a dangerous curve, but big enough.

May He make their courtship beautiful. May He make the moments they share tender, enjoyable. That he who might have grown up, or she knowing only so much of a parental love, could find that love and that satisfaction in a mate that God provided for them, that place in their hearts and lives that they were designed

for. And by the next time that they would come back around, then they would really be dressed. We haven't seen anything today. With all the other added attractions, it would be such a climaxing time.

That this relationship, whenever our little children, our little boys and our little girls, like Hanna and Charity and Timmy and Caleb and those growing up right in the benches, these little boys with eyes like Jacob and them, they look and they see things like these, they know these things are sacred. They know it's not flirting. They've never seen mammy flirt. They've never seen daddy flirt. They see in the house of God how these things are done, with sincerity and sacredness. And they know that they hear the voice ringing out saying, "Live clean. Live right. Look at example."

Then especially in the Assembly, when they know we have so many young ones here, how I desire that they would walk; that God would make them into an Aquila and a Priscilla. So many people get married and get domesticated, and their lives become private and unshared by anybody else, and it's not a true example of Christianity. But Aquila and Priscilla were servants unto the saints. Their home was opened. People could come and not just get a good meal, but receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit through the testimony and the witness and the experience of two Christian lives that had been to the Cross and washed in the Blood and been filled with the Spirit, and were bringing forth Fruits of righteousness. I trust it would be like that.

[Bro. Vin instructs Bro. Brendon -Ed.] Don't just push it right in, just hold the finger there and let us do it softly, tenderly, slowly. I want you just repeat after me these words of love in Hosea, words of betrothal. And you repeat to her before all these witnesses and the Lord Jesus and His holy angels in Whose Presence we are gathered together, that we feel right now.

[Bro. Vin reads Hosea 2:19-20 and Bro. Brendon repeats -Ed.]

*19 I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea,
I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness,
and in [justice], and in lovingkindness, and
in mercies.*

*20 I will even betroth thee unto me in
faithfulness: and thou shall know the LORD.*

[Bro. Vin instructs Sis. Jacinta and she repeats -Ed.] I would like you to say, "I do sincerely accept with all my heart. I will be true and faithful to you forever."

Now would you join your hands together on this Bible, both your right hands? Amen. Let's have a prayer for them.

Oh Father, these moments are precious and I thank You personally Lord, knowing what I feel in my heart for these two saints, and desire that You would bless them in a special way today because this day is special unto them. And especially Lord, in the presence of all our young people, who can look and see a living example and can see the approach, the manner, the sincerity, the way we should come to be betrothed when that time comes for us.

Gracious God, how we thank You for Bro. Brendon, his dedication, his faithfulness, his loyalty, sincerity, his help. He has been such an asset to me, and the ministry and the church. We give you glory today for him and the way you have blessed him, for You have made his heart glad, Lord. Like David said, his heart is fixed because You have fixed his heart. His cup runneth over.

Our Sis. Jacinta Lord, we thank You for her Father, her sincerity, her humility, the holy decency which she has kept herself and walked. The virtuous way she carried about herself, Lord. You have joined their two hearts together, oh God, and there's a love that flows, that makes them connect in such a way that even though they are far apart, yet they are one because their hearts have been joined in Christian love; because this

experience and this relationship have proceeded forth from Thee.

May You ever bless them and may this love continue to grow and prosper and blossom! May there be such comeliness between them and such attraction! May they experience such joy and gladness being together in one another's company! May the moments they share be sacred and precious and lovely, so enjoyable Lord, that they long for each other, long to be in each other's company; could never stand departing of each other.

Oh my God, may they live for each other. May the Spirit of Christ become so much greater in their lives, Lord! Their lives would always shine with Your beauty and always be used in Thy service. It will never fail or cease to be a blessing unto Thy people. They still have a little more distance left to travel along this road before the marriage is consummated, before they would share their home together, in a time of planning and preparing what they are about to enter into, and even to spend more time than they have spent in each other's company. Let not Satan come and defile this in any way. Let him not get in the midst of this Lord. May they carry themselves with honor and dignity and with respect! May the Spirit of God bless them and lead them and guide them and direct them in all their paths and all their planning.

Dear God, may You open the doors and open the way for them where it is needed. May oh God, You continue their lives to prosper in Thy service, that they have been betrothed today in Thy Presence and the presence of Thy people. May Your great, holy, precious love, flow deep down into their hearts even now, and there would never be anything to ever separate them from this love that is in Christ Jesus. Oh God, and may they always walk together, not just here but across that river and even to that Land Eternal that we hope to be in someday. Grant these things, Father.

Bless Bro. Brendon and Sis. Jacinta. For myself and all the people, we ask this sincerely for them and all who are connected to them Lord, may You bless them also. May their homes be joyous! May their hearts be happy! May through their union, their families prosper and be blessed and may be even drawn closer to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. We pronounce this blessing upon Thy son and Thy daughter, our brother and our sister in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

God richly bless you. You may go to your seats. Before we leave I have a little card of thanks and appreciation on behalf of Sis. Sharon James and I was looking and I saw her sitting somewhere there in the service. Maybe she is not in her seat at this time. But you know through the passing of our precious Bro. Renson and she, having the full responsibility now of all the children and she being both father and mother.

And the card says, *"I want to thank all of you, not just for what you did, which was wonderful, but for the way you did it. For the smiles and the warmth and the caring you put into it. Dear brothers and sisters, I hope my thoughts of thanks were felt long before these words. May God bless you all, and may you feel the comfort I felt by just having you around at a time like this. You are all very special people. Thanks for making us feel special too. Sis. Sharon and the children."*

So we are certainly thankful to know that through the love, the appreciation, and the comfort that was extended, it has encouraged them. And may it not cease but may it cause to flow greater and maybe not only to her alone and her family but to all. Because the Bible says, "By this love shall all men know you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other."

Let us bow our heads and close our eyes for a word of prayer. I want to ask Bro. Steve Walters just to ask God's blessings and dismissal. And I certainly thank you. I trust you understand. I didn't want to keep you

this long but I think we did enjoy His Presence, and may God bless you richly for it, as our brother prays.

[Bro. Steve Walters prays. -Ed.]

Amen. God richly bless you. And to the strangers and the visitors, I hope you don't feel too bad we kept you this long. We don't always keep people that long. And don't stay away, come again. And all those who feel that there is healing in your life, just stay close to those healing waters and may God continue to bless you and meet every need in your life. He is able to do it. Let's just sing as we are dismissed, "*Singing I love You, I love You, Singing I love You Lord.*"



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